

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Fremont Smith Sentenced at Colusa to Be Hanged.

TAKEN TO SAN QUENTIN.

He Had Killed Two Companions for Their Money and Clothes.

HE SAYS HE IS INNOCENT.

The History of the Crime as Brought Out at the Trial Over a Year Ago.

COLUSA, Cal., March 18.—Fremont Smith was brought before Judge Bridgeford of the Superior Court to-day at 10 A. M. and sentenced to be hanged June 7 between the hours of 9 A. M. and 4 P. M. He stood like a statue, uttered no word going and coming or in the courtroom. His eyes moistened, and tears glistened just a little. The dead silence of the courtroom was almost appalling, and as he marched away to the jail the crowd silently dispersed. All believe him guilty. He left on the noon train for San Quentin in charge of an officer.

There is an old house in L. F. Moulton's pear orchard, below Colusa on the Sacramento, which was the scene of the murder during the latter part of December, 1893. Three men were residing there, claiming to be fishermen. Two of them were known respectively as Charlie and Dolph. The levee was in front of the house, and there was a space between, while all round was the pear orchard, a road passing by the house.

The third man was Fremont Smith, who left there in his wagon about the 27th of December, going south, and two days later the dead bodies of Charlie and Dolph were found in the river. The officers visited the place. The door was locked and a piece of human skull, blood and brains were found on a platform in front of the house. These were brought with other evidence to Colusa. There was a trail of blood to the river and marks showing a body had been dragged along. There was evidence that an effort had been made to cover the blood with dirt, the tool used having a protuberance on its back. The ax found in the house appeared to have been washed. No bedding was there, although it was known that Dolph and Charlie had beds.

Fremont Smith was arrested three days later at Collinsville, Solano County. He had a gold watch and chain, shotgun, a shawl, six pairs of blankets, overalls and half a dozen suits of clothes. The shovel had a protuberance on its back and a spot of blood still remained. Blood was on the overalls. The arrested man had one of the two keys of the house on his person, the other key being found in the pocket of one of the deceased. The clothing was too small for Smith, though it might fit one of his partners.

The dead men were murdered, one struck on the head and the other having had the top of his head shot away. This evidence was held sufficient for conviction. The trial was an exciting one. The aged mother was present, and when the verdict was read, in agony she exclaimed, pointing her finger straight at the jury, "The curse of God be upon you all; my son is innocent!" She was the haggard picture of despair, weeping, and trembling with anger and grief from head to foot.

The prisoner turned pale. He was sentenced to be hanged August 3, 1893. An appeal was taken. The opinion of the lower court was affirmed. On the 13th Sheriff Jones went down to San Quentin with Deputy Harmon to bring Smith back for a sentence of the Superior Court of Colusa.

AGAINST THE DIVES.

Ministers Have Taken Up the Question and Aroused the People.

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—The social evil question is now receiving the attention of the city officials, and an unusual influence is being brought to bear to have the dives suppressed and the occupants of the Alameda houses removed to a less frequented portion of the city. The clergy have advised their voice to the general cry for eradication of such nuisances, and to-day the Union Ministerial Association, embracing nearly all the pastors of the various churches, presented a resolution to the City Council, urging immediate action in the direction of reform along social purity lines.

The Councilmen had a spirited debate over the question, but no radical measures were proposed to remedy the evil. Property-owners in the southeastern portion of the city have petitioned for prompt action in the matter, and the community generally is aroused. Some decided steps will probably be taken next week in this regard.

ON TRIAL FOR THEIR LIVES.

The Men Accused of Murdering Mrs. Platt Are in Court.

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Francisco Guavish, Mateo Pa and Antonio Ashman were placed on trial in the United States Circuit Court to-day for the murder of Mrs. Mary Platt. Mrs. Platt was a teacher on the Pichango Indian reservation, and on the night of September 21 the house in which she lived was burned. Investigation showed that the teacher had first been murdered and then burned. A little girl, a relative of Mrs. Platt, escaped from the house uninjured and gave the alarm. Officers worked on the case for some time, and finally fixed the crime upon the three defendants named, who were accordingly arrested.

All of the men lived on the reservation, and had been friendly with Mrs. Platt for years until a few days before the murder, when they became offended because the old lady would not furnish them with money. The theory is that they took their revenge in this bloody way according to instincts of race.

Musicians for the Fiesta.

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—During his recent visit to San Francisco, Chairman Wilhartz of the Fiesta musical committee secured thirteen musicians to complete

his big orchestra which will furnish concerts during carnival week. Among them are John Marquardt and wife, Mr. Gruenauer and Mr. Tobin.

Supposed to Be Straw.

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Some time ago Frank Swift, a San Francisco boy, was arrested here for burglary. Shortly after he gave a bond signed by his mother from San Francisco, which was approved by one of the Judges of the Supreme Court. His trial was called this morning but Swift did not appear. Now it is thought the bond was a straw one and the signature of the Judge a clever forgery.

GUILTY AT MADERA.

William Rodgers Convicted of Burglary After Short Deliberation.

MADERA, March 18.—The case of the people vs. William Rodgers occupied the attention of a jury in the Superior Court here to-day. All of the day up to 5 o'clock was spent in taking testimony, as the work of impaneling a jury had been completed on the 16th. The case was composed entirely of circumstantial evidence, but of a very strong nature.

It was proven by the prosecution that Rodgers had been in the employ of Calvin Bigelow, who owns a store at O'Neals, and that he had knowledge of the fact that within Bigelow's safe was a large amount of gold dust, which Bigelow had bought of the miners in that vicinity, and the day following the robbery Rodgers had sold gold dust at a small town not far distant, which was identified by Mr. Bigelow as that which he had lost.

The defendant took the stand in his own behalf, but was unsuccessful in his effort to overthrow the preponderance of evidence against him, and after the arguments of counsel and the instructions of the court, it only took ten minutes for the jury to find the defendant guilty of burglary in the first degree.

REMAINS QUIET IN PRISON.

THE CONVICT-AUTHOR WILL BE SOLITARY FOR SOME TIME.

THE BOARD OF PRISON DIRECTORS FAIL TO ORDER BACHMAN'S RELEASE.

FOLSOM, March 18.—Charles F. Bachman, Folsom's author-convict, will remain in solitary confinement for at least another month, as no definite action was taken in the matter by the Board of Prison Directors at the meeting last night. This means that very definite action was taken, for the decision as to Bachman's term of close confinement will now be left to Warden Aull.

Bachman, it will be remembered, has been undergoing extra punishment since the first of the year, his offense being the following: He had the management of the prison and having in his possession a loaded pistol. Bachman is the convict who wrote a very highly spiced novel, "Redeemed," for the publication of which Warden Aull advanced \$350.

In letters to a lawyer Bachman claimed that the Warden was entitled only to half the profits on the book, but kept them all. He said also that Aull was a partner in the copyright of the book; this Mr. Aull denied. He admitted that he had loaned Bachman the money, taking the copyright as security, but not intending to claim any of the profits of the book, which was really a failure. He had the author put into solitary confinement for sending out the complaints mentioned above, and his action was sustained by the Prison Directors, who were inclined to severity because a loaded pistol was found on Bachman when he was taken in charge.

Bachman pleaded guilty to having a pistol in his possession, but he repeated his charges with regard to the partnership in the book, claiming he had given Aull a half interest in it in consideration of the latter getting him a pardon. The board found him guilty, took off a year's credits and ordered him into solitary confinement until their next meeting. There he has remained ever since, shut out entirely from association with the other prisoners. At last he made a written statement for Warden Aull, in which he asserted to the directors and the charges of the Warden having promised him a pardon for a half interest in his book were false.

This fact is well known to the board. They decided, however, not to consider the matter, although they will probably give Warden Aull informal directions to treat the prisoner as he thinks will be most conducive to prison discipline. This will mean another thirty days' confinement in solitary for Bachman.

Neither the newly appointed Prison Director, Fitzgerald, nor his predecessor, Mr. Ivory, were in attendance at the meeting of the board, which disconcertingly discussed their much-mutilated appropriation bills. Owing to the small amount of money allowed them, they cannot carry out the suggestions of the Legislature to employ the convicts in remunerative labor except in the quarries. Steps will be taken to establish a general market for the Folsom granite as soon as practicable.

Released at Fresno.

FRESNO, Cal., March 18.—A. A. Rowell of Selma, who was sentenced to jail by Recorder E. H. Tucker for a refusal to pay a fine of \$10, was to-day ordered to be released by Judge J. R. Webb of the Superior Court. Mr. Rowell sold \$1.05 worth of meat in Selma without paying the license of \$10 a day. He refused to pay the fine imposed on the ground that the license which in the case of commercial salesmen is only \$10 a year is discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional. Judge Webb upheld this view and intimated that the defense been that the license was practically prohibitory.

Refused Citizenship.

FRESNO, March 18.—Judge Stanton L. Carter to-day refused to grant citizenship to a Portuguese named Pento because in answer to a question he said that in case of war between the United States and Portugal he would fight against his adopted country. Several other applications for citizenship have been denied in the past few weeks for reasons somewhat similar.

Closing Chinese Dens.

FRESNO, March 18.—The City Trustees, at their meeting to-night, ordered the closing of all dens under the sidewalks in Chinatown. The Chinese have been excavating under the sidewalks and even under the streets for years, and a large proportion of them live in these underground dens. Trouble is expected in the enforcement of the law.

SHORTAGE IN CARSON.

Over Eighty Thousand Dollars Missing From the Mint.

UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Five Rapid Clean-Ups Show It Is Not the Result of Any Clerical Error.

THE LOSS WAS KEPT SECRET.

The Facts Have Been Known to the Government Officials for Over a Week.

CARSON, Nev., March 18.—Andrew Mason, Government Mint inspector and superintendent of the New York Assay Department, has been in Carson for the past week, inspecting the affairs at the United States mint in this city. An article in this evening's Tribune to that effect has given rise to rumors that something was wrong at the mint, as heretofore the presence of Government inspectors has been known to the public on the day of arrival.

The fact of so much secrecy caused ugly rumors, and this evening it was learned from Hirsch Harris, melter and refiner, that something was wrong at the mint and a shortage had been discovered about a month ago.

It finally leaked out that something over \$80,000 has mysteriously disappeared and that five clean-ups, which were made in quick succession, as it was thought some clerical error had been made, failed to reveal the cause of the shortage. Refined gold and silver bullion to that amount has disappeared from the department, and Inspector Mason expects to be able to clear up the mystery in a day or two.

Mr. Harris also stated the reason so much secrecy has been observed was because it was not deemed advisable to give the matter publicity, as it might prevent discovery and the recovery of the loss.

No direct charges have been made as yet and it will probably be some days before the mystery is unraveled. The presence of General Bob Keating in Carson, to whom several mint employees, including Superintendent J. W. Adams, owe their positions, is a significant fact, as is also two trips recently made to San Francisco by P. P. Ellis and J. T. Jones, mint officials.

GONE FROM SACRAMENTO.

CONSTABLE BRISSELL LEAVES A NUMBER OF CREDITORS IN THE LURCH.

COMPELLED TO RESIGN ON ACCOUNT OF HIS NEGLECT OF HIS FAMILY.

SACRAMENTO, March 18.—Constable John P. Brissell, who recently figured in a shooting affray at the Mansion House in this city, has been forced to resign his office, and has skipped, leaving a long list of creditors who are extremely anxious to ascertain his whereabouts.

Since the morning when Mrs. Brissell followed her husband to the apartments of Mrs. Moore and shot the latter, Constable Brissell's actions toward her have been so open that public sympathy for the injured wife rose to such an extent that the supervisors found it necessary to demand the constable's resignation. Brissell endeavored to face the situation by refusing to resign, but a long communication from leading citizens of the city and county demanding his resignation left no alternative.

Before submitting his resignation Brissell succeeded in borrowing considerable money and sold the outstanding fees of his office, so it is claimed, to J. Faris Jr. for \$400. Before the Board of Supervisors acted upon his resignation Brissell left the city during the night, as anxious creditors were pressing him and threatening his arrest.

Since the unfortunate affray in which Constable Brissell was the principal factor, it has developed that for months past Brissell has neglected his family, leaving them absolutely destitute. Since the shooting he has provided for Mrs. Moore in a luxurious manner, while his own family were without money or food, dependent upon the charity of friends. Brissell deprived his wife of her jewelry, which he bestowed upon Mrs. Moore.

His latest act came to light to-day. It appears Brissell procured a horse, buggy and harness, which he pawned at "Uncle Ike's" for \$15, the owner of which came to Mrs. Brissell to-day looking for his property. Brissell has boasted of his innocence, yet Mrs. Brissell has absolute proof of his duplicity, as is shown in the several letters received by him from Mrs. Moore which have been found.

It is known that Brissell received the letters through a third person, who is a county official. Prior to meeting Mrs. Moore Brissell owned a pretty home, but this he has squandered. By his aid Mrs. Moore secured a position in the State bindery, and she has frequently boasted of her influence with prominent State officials.

It is said that Brissell has been seen in San Francisco, where he has been spending money lavishly and has secured passage to Alaska for himself and another person—presumably Mrs. Moore, as she has signed her intention of leaving Sacramento. The knowledge of this has come to his creditors, who will endeavor to prevent his departure until he has satisfied their claims and provided for his family.

FOR HANDLING FRUIT.

The Southern Pacific Building New Sheds in Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, March 18.—The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has concluded to extend its facilities for handling fruit at this point, and in a few days pile-drivers will be put in operation preparing foundations for extending the river freight sheds along the water front. The

company will erect new sheds connecting with the present steamer shed extending both north and south. This addition will do away with the old system of handling fruit twice, and it will now be loaded in cars direct from the boats as they come in instead of being housed on Front street as heretofore.

The new shed will extend from K to I streets on the north and K to M on the south. New tracks will be laid, and other necessary improvements made to assist in handling the fruit crop with dispatch. It is the intent of the company to utilize the old fruitshed as a storehouse for hops and wine.

A large force of carpenters will be employed as soon as the foundation is ready, and it is expected to complete the new sheds in sixty days.

SOLDIERS TO SIGNAL.

Sacramento Guards to Talk to San Francisco by Heliograph.

SACRAMENTO, March 18.—Lieutenant Martin, commanding the signal corps of the Fourth Brigade, N. G. C., stationed in this city, is an enthusiast in the science of heliographic signaling and has had his men constantly practicing with the instruments for several weeks, in preparation for a system of telegraphy which will shortly be established between this city and San Francisco via Mount Diablo.

C. J. Atwater, a member of the Fourth Brigade signal corps, was dispatched to the latter city to-day to make arrangements with the Second Brigade signal corps for the proposed course of signaling, which will be operated during the coming month. The distance between Mount Diablo and the signal station in this city is sixty-nine miles as the bird flies.

Opposition to the Bell.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 18.—A new telephone company is being formed by the business men in opposition to the Bell Company.

BARRON CASE IN SAN JOSE.

AN AMENDED PETITION FILED ON BEHALF OF THE MINOR EDWARD.

PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE ESTATE IS ASKED FOR BY THE GUARDIAN.

SAN JOSE, March 18.—Edward A. Barron, a minor, by J. E. Brown, his guardian, has filed an amended petition for partial distribution of the estate. John H. Dickinson is attorney.

The petition further says: "That the said Edward Barron, deceased, was born on the 9th of February, 1881, that he is a son of Edward Barron, deceased, and Winifred Morton. Petitioner avers that at his birth and for many years thereafter he was received into the family of the deceased Edward Barron, his father, and that always and up to his death the deceased recognized petitioner publicly as his child, and always treated him as if he were a legitimate child, and did thereby adopt petitioner as and for his legitimate child, and who thereby became such."

The petition further says: "That the said Edward Barron, by an omission, not appearing to be intentional, wholly omitted to provide in his said last will and testament for your petitioner, so being his legitimate child by adoption, as aforesaid, and your petitioner is therefore entitled to, and claims the same distributive share in all and singular the estate of his said deceased father, as though said deceased had died intestate."

The petition recites the heirs, who are named in the will, who, it is charged, are the devisees of the whole of the estate, that this estate is appraised at \$1,800,000, and is but little, if at all, in debt. He further recites the fact of the appointment of Eva Rose Barron, the executrix, and says that his distributive share may now be awarded to him without loss to the estate.

Petitioner therefore prays that notice of his application may be given all parties concerned and that a day be set for the hearing of this petition. At such hearing he asks that such portion of the estate as the Court direct be awarded and set aside to him.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Delegates Will Be Served With Lunch by San Jose Ladies.

SAN JOSE, March 18.—The committee having in charge the arrangements for the State Sunday-school convention that is to meet in this city April 16, 17 and 18, has decided to give the visiting delegates lunches on Wednesday and Thursday, the last two days of the convention, and the various churches have been requested to appoint two ladies from each to act upon a joint committee to get up the lunches.

The sessions here will be presided over by H. Morton, who is State president of the Sunday-school Union.

Besides the mass-meeting there will be a parade of Sunday-school teachers, and pupils. It is expected that about 2000 will be in line. The convention will be held during the Easter vacation of the public schools of this city, so that the children will be able to attend. State President Morton will attempt to secure a holiday for the schools throughout the county so that all the children who wish can attend at least one session of the convention.

REGULATING MILK SALES.

San Jose Will License Vendors Who Have the Pure Article.

SAN JOSE, March 18.—An ordinance to regulate the sale of milk was given its first reading in the Common Council this evening. The ordinance provides that all milk-vendors must be duly licensed and registered, the licenses to be granted free of charge.

If milk is found to be impure or not up to the standard indicating a healthy condition of the cows the vendor is to be complained of before the City Justice, and if convicted his license is to be forfeited and he is subjected to a fine not exceeding \$100 or imprisoned not to exceed thirty days.

Other sections provide that the health officer may at any time investigate the condition of any dairyman's cows or the place where he keeps them, and if there is found to be anything about his establishment conducive to unhealthful milk he is to be proceeded against as before mentioned.

San Luis Obispo Licenses.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, March 18.—The high license ordinance fixing the saloon licenses at \$600 a year passed the Council to-night by a vote of 3 to 2.

SEEN NEAR SEATTLE.

Blanc, the Escaped Murderer, Met on the High Road.

HIS COMPANION TAKEN.

He Was Within Twenty Feet of the Officers, but Dodged Into the Brush.

SHERIFFS ON THE LOOKOUT.

His Capture Considered a Matter of Only a Few Hours' Work.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 18.—Thomas Blanc, murderer and jailbreaker, is still at large, although pursued by fifty 500 men armed with shotguns and Winchester rifles. Pickle fortune seems to smile on the bold desperado, for by a most miraculous chain of circumstances he escaped yesterday morning, a few moments after 12 o'clock, from the very muzzles of a rifle and shotgun in the hands of Michael Kelly and Dick Burkman at a point about half a mile south of Black River Junction where the Northern Pacific main line and the county road cross. The officers could have killed him like a dog, but, being in dense darkness and in ignorance of the persons they had before them, they refrained from firing, only to learn a moment later that the prize of a lifetime had made his escape a second time.

Blanc and Ruten, the Kitsap murderers, were making their way along the county road, when they came upon Kelly and Burkman.

Telegrams had been sent to Black River Junction, Orilla, Kent and Auburn roused the inhabitants. Michael Kelly and Dick Burkman were sent south from this city and quickly driven to a point near Jergersons Hill, where the county road crosses the Northern Pacific track. Suddenly in the darkness they heard footsteps.

"I guess we had better hold these fellows up," said Burkman. Soon the misty forms of a tall man and apparently a big boy appeared. When within twenty feet the officers called out, "Throw up your hands!" The tall man did as commanded, but the other fellow only put up his right hand part way and commenced lagging behind. "Throw up your hands there!" cried out Kelly.

"My hands are up," was the reply. "No, they are not," replied Kelly, "and if you don't obey the command and keep coming, I will put a hole through you."

At this point the tall man, who seemed to be looking at Burkman's gun, crossed in front of Kelly, and the young fellow suddenly made a dodge, and like a snake, plunged into the bushes at the west side of the road. The tall man, however, walked directly up to Burkman, who demanded to know immediately where he came from.

"I came from the County Jail," was the reply that came like a shot on the officers. "Who was that man with you?"

"It was Tom Black."

"Hold this man," cried Burkman to Kelly, and then he dashed to the place where the man had disappeared. The river, only a short distance below the spot, ran quietly. There was no splash, and even a dry twig snapped to give warning of the location of the only Blanc.

The officers stood silent listening for some clew, but it never came. Ruten was then hurried to Orilla, the next station south, in hopes of keeping Blanc between Seattle and that place, but despite the most thorough search by parties coming to a central point at Black River Junction from all roads, no trace of him was found.

The supposition is that after ducking into the bushes he went back up the county road about 80 rods, went up on the side hill into dense timber, where he could watch all the parties in the valley below. All avenues of escape are covered, and trouble is looked for within the next twelve hours. Cosgrove is in jail, and it is thought that Williams is under arrest at Puyallup.

TACOMA ASSISTS.

Sheriff Parker With a Posse Scouring Pierce County.

TACOMA, Wash., March 18.—Sheriff Parker and a posse of thirteen armed men started out this morning to assist in the hunt for Blanc and the other escaped Seattle murderers. They followed the Northern Pacific track toward the King County line, dividing later in the day into four squads. A telephone message indicates that one squad is following a man thought to be one of the convicts, but no details were given.

EXEMPT FROM SUMMONS.

LEGISLATORS CANNOT NOW BE CALLED BY SACRAMENTO'S GRAND JURY.

THE BIGGY-DUNN SCANDAL WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

SACRAMENTO, March 18.—The Grand Jury met to-day, but took no action in the Biggy-Dunn legislative boodle scandal.

It was found that the constitution prohibits the service of process on members of the Legislature for fifteen days preceding and following a session of that body.

So the matter must go over for two weeks unless Biggy and other Senators should volunteer to come and appear before the Grand Jury in the meantime.

Captured and in Jail.

SACRAMENTO, March 18.—Miner Young, who last night, in a fit of insanity, attempted to brain a young woman named Mrs. Yale in this city, was captured by the police this morning in his mother's residence, at Twentieth and O streets. He was found hid in the basement of the dwelling and made an attempt to brain

one of the officers with a hammer. After a desperate struggle he was disarmed and conveyed to the City Prison.

Bloodshed Expected.

SACRAMENTO, March 18.—Chinatown denizens are in a state of great excitement to-night, and there is every appearance of riot and bloodshed before morning. The police force has been doubled in that quarter and every possible precaution taken to preserve the peace.

The trouble started through an insult offered by a highbinder to the wife of one of the wealthy Chinese merchants while she was walking down the street. Some bystanders took the woman's part and reprimanded the tough. He became abusive and was promptly knocked down.

Swearing vengeance, he mustered his fellow highbinder, bade them arm themselves and started out to annihilate the men who administered the well deserved beating. The arrival of a squad of police, who came on a run from the station-house near by, put having been conveyed to that place, put an end for the time being to the projected hostilities, but it is feared that blood will be spilled before morning.

SHOT IN THE ARM.

An Insane Man Used His Gun Upon an Inquisitive Visitor.

SAN JOSE, March 18.—This afternoon James Pierce's watchman on James V. Coleman's ranch about ten miles from this city, was shot in the side but not seriously injured by Joseph Dubois, a crank who occupied a cabin on the place.

Dubois has recently been acting strangely. He boarded the windows of his cabin and barricaded the doors as if he feared an attack. Pierce wanted to get some information from him about some gates that had been left open, and when Dubois refused to open the door Pierce began tearing a board from a window. Instantly there came a shot through the window and Pierce received a flesh wound under the left arm. He was brought to San Jose and found not to be seriously hurt.

The insane inmate of the cabin was captured by Sheriff Lyndon, but not till he had caved in a door and a window. The prisoner made no resistance when brought to the county jail and locked up.

ASKED FOR A FRANCHISE.

Local Capitalists Desire to Establish a Telephone System in San Jose.

SAN JOSE, March 18.—H. J. Edwards to-night petitioned the Common Council for a franchise to conduct a telephone system in this city. The petition states that the company operating the system is composed of local capitalists, and they promise, if granted a franchise, to bring telephone rates down so low as to be within the reach of all. The company has the right to use the poles of the Electric Improvement Company, of which Edwards is manager. No action was taken on the petition and it was referred to a committee.

RECEIVED HIS SENTENCE.

AMELIO GARCIA, WHO MURDERED THAT GUILMINOT, TO BE HANGED IN JUNE.

HIS CRIME THE MOST COLD-BLOODED IN THE ANNALS OF THE COUNTY.

SAN BERNARDINO, March 18.—Amelio Garcia, who murdered James Guilminot October 20, will hang at San Quentin June 5, between 9 A. M. and 4 P. M. Such was Judge Campbell's sentence delivered at 1:30 this afternoon in the presence of a crowd which filled the courtroom to suffocation.

In answer to the usual question as to why sentence should not be pronounced, the prisoner spoke disjointedly in Spanish through an interpreter. He said he had not had a fair trial, that money had been used to convict him, and that the crime had not been fastened on him by the testimony. In an indirect way he pleaded innocence, but did not flatly deny that he killed Guilminot.

Owing to Garcia's desperate character, Sheriff Holcomb applied to the court for two deputies to guard him en route to San Quentin instead of one as is usual.

Amelio Garcia, who was sentenced to death this morning for the murder of Joseph Guilminot, had probably as little regard for human life as any being who ever existed, and certainly as little remorse over the shedding of human blood. The beast-like ferocity of his crime was not fully developed at the trial which concluded last week. The prosecution confined itself almost exclusively to the confession of Juan Ferra, the accomplice, which was sufficient to secure conviction. However, his testimony told but feebly the story of the butchery.

This evening the CALL's correspondent had a talk with one of the members of the Grand Jury which indicted Garcia. He said: "I never have heard or read of a man who was absolutely lacking in the quality of sympathy, nor of one who took positive delight in murder, until I heard the testimony in this case before the Grand Jury."

"After Garcia had finished his devilish work he went straight back to the cabin where he was stopping with some countrymen and without washing the blood from his hands told the story of the crime and concluded with the words: 'That man had more blood in him than any Christian I ever killed. I couldn't get him to bleed to death.'"

"This was the testimony of one of the men who heard his story immediately after the murder. The most remarkable feature of the crime was that Garcia had no motive for the deed except to gratify his delight for murder. He did not visit Guilminot's house with that object. Ferra proposed to rob the old man and Garcia instantly assented. When the old Frenchman declared he had no money, Garcia drove his knife into his victim's shoulder, breaking the blade. According to Ferra, who stood guard, the old man's cries for mercy, as on his knees he begged for his life, would have moved to pity the meanest savage. After the house was searched with the result of finding nothing of value, Garcia stabbed Guilminot in the neck and smiled as he did it. Waiting several minutes longer for the poor man to die from the loss of blood and getting tired of the delay, Garcia took a knife which he had found in the house and severed the Frenchman's jugular vein. He was then and still is without the least remorse."

Died at Redding.

REDDING, Cal., March 18.—"Happy Jack" Glascock, who was shot last week by "Dot" Fluke, died of his wound to-day. The Fluke woman was found in Red Bluff and arrested.

NOW IT'S DISMISSED.

California Defeated in the Oakland Water Front Case.

HAS NO JURISDICTION.

So Says the Supreme Court in Rendering the Decision.

upon the question of jurisdiction in the case where citizens of a State which is party to the suit are joined with those of another State, the Chief Justice said:

"It is by virtue of subject matter, the case comes within the judicial power of the United States, it does not follow that it comes within the original jurisdiction of this court. Jurisdiction does not obtain simply because the State is a party. It was held at an early day that Congress could either enlarge or restrict the original jurisdiction of this court, and no attempt to do so is suggested here. What Congress may have power to do in relation to the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States is not in question, but whether, where the constitution provides that this court shall have an original jurisdiction in cases in which the State is plaintiff and the citizens of another State the defendant, that jurisdiction can be held to embrace a suit between a State and citizens of another State. We are of the opinion that our original jurisdiction can be held to embrace a suit between the State and the citizens of another State and of the same State. We are of the opinion our original jurisdiction cannot thus be extended, and the bill must be dismissed for want of parties who should be joined, but cannot be without ousting jurisdiction."

Justice Harlan, in a dissenting opinion, cited the boundary suit in Florida against Georgia, in which the Attorney General was allowed to file proofs for the United States without making the Government a party to the case in a technical sense, and he contended that practically the same course had been pursued in this case, the city of Oakland having been allowed to file briefs and documents to illustrate its alleged title and to participate in the taking of evidence.

"The case has been fully heard upon its merits," he continued, "as they involve the rights of California and the Southern Pacific Company and the city of Oakland. All these parties earnestly desire that we proceed to a final decree on its merits. If any other party is interested in the result of the case we will hold cause until that party, if it so wishes, can make proof of such interest and its nature, just as the city of Oakland has done."

"The court did not say that the decree as between California and the Southern Pacific might legally affect the claims of others, or that it could be pleaded in the bar in any subsequent suit; therefore it was difficult for him to understand why the court should not exercise its obligation and decide the case between the State and the corporation."

In conclusion Justice Harlan asked how the State of California was to obtain judicial determination of the controversy. The effectiveness of such a suit would depend upon the ability of the State to bring the Kentucky corporation into court, so it would be bound by a final decree. Framers of the constitution did not intend to subject the State to the indignity of being compelled to submit its controversies with the citizens of other States to the court of such other States.

Justice Field added a few words of regret that he could not settle the matter, as it would bring so much trouble to the State.

OAKLAND GAINS A POINT.

SO THINKS THE ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY IN THE GREAT CASE.

"It settles nothing, absolutely nothing, except that Attorney-General Harlan has no proper right to bring the case, and that I have contended all along," said Hon. W. R. Davis, attorney for the city of Oakland in his great water-front contest, speaking yesterday of the decision of the United States Supreme Court dismissing the case of California vs. the Southern Pacific of Kentucky for lack of jurisdiction.

"If it indicates anything further than the exact language states then it is that the State's title is not good. That is what we expect the court to finally decide. As for the Southern Pacific it gets no comfort from the decision whatever, unless it draws comfort from very intangible quantities."

"Attorney-General Harlan brought the suit just determined with the purpose of cutting across lots—avoiding the loss of time and the wear and tear of reaching the United States Supreme Court through the regular course of the series of lower courts. He was anxious to see the long-pending case brought to a close during his term of office. He therefore endeavored to bring it before the Supreme Court in its original jurisdiction—the suit of a State against the people of another State. The title of the suit was the State of California against the Southern Pacific Railroad of Kentucky."

"Now General Harlan's position was incredibly weak, however good his purpose may have been. The State of California, by act of Legislature, granted the water front to the city of Oakland. The Southern Pacific claims its title through alleged grants from the city. But General Harlan brings suit against the Southern Pacific to quiet the title of the State without the State having repealed the act by which it granted title to the city of Oakland. The city of Oakland claims title to its own water front, and the proper and logical disputants are the railroad company and the city."

"General Harlan when contemplating the beginning of this suit asked me to join him in the case on behalf of the State, but I could not do so because I did not believe in the State's premises; further than that I did not believe anything would be gained by a trial of the case in which the whole case, with all parties to it, was not presented. For that reason I tried to dissuade him from bringing the suit, and he promised to call upon me again before he began it. He did so, but his mind was made up. I told him that he was taking the case that presented the strongest features for the Southern Pacific, for it singled out for contest their right to the few bits of improved property. However, he filed his suit in the courts here, naming the Southern Pacific of Kentucky and seventy other persons as defendants. In the United States Supreme Court these seventy others had to be eliminated in order to get the original jurisdiction, the case standing 'The State of California vs. the Southern Pacific of Kentucky.'"

"They had been working on the case for several months, and went to Washington with about 500 pages of printed matter presenting their case. We got hold of this, ran it through, discovering that they had a few things in it, but that there were a great many other things that weren't in it. I took the train to Washington and asked to be allowed to intervene, but this was not granted. We were, however, allowed to get in as a friend of the court. A commissioner was sent out to take further testimony and remained here all last summer, bearing new evidence, studying maps, charts, etc. It is proper to say that General Harlan accepted all this in good part and took the city's suggestions in many instances."

"The arguments following all this took place last January. The case of the city was fully presented and we were quite willing to have the case decided upon its merits. However, this has not been done. The court has evidently passed judgment upon the case as presented—has taken cogni-

zance of the illogical position of the State's attorney and declines to pass judgment when other great interests are affected, but not represented, in the contest."

"The effect of the judgment simply to stand the State out of it and leave the contestants face to face. This suit simply acted upon the real contest like the friendly individual who pulls at the elbow of a man in a glove contest. The man at our elbow is out of it now. We have gained this, however, that the Supreme Court is now fully informed of the facts. There is no man living who can state those facts in a day. They have been presented both in printed testimony and in argument, and when the case comes up again on the full presentation we will have that advantage."

"There are five water-front cases now pending in the courts awaiting judgment, all of which will probably go on to the United States Supreme Court. The case of the State against the city, in which we have judgment in the lower court, will come up before the State Supreme Court in bank in July."

"The water-front company's appeal from the order denying a change of venue in the main case tried before Judge Ogden will come up at the same time."

"Two cases are before Judge McKenna known as the Cook case and the foot of Broadway case. These were submitted to him some months ago and he has been waiting for the ruling of the Supreme Court. He will now, of course, act upon his own judgment."

"The fifth is the main case which has been on trial before Judge Ogden for months and which has been recently submitted. All of these cases are before the courts and we are awaiting decisions upon them. They are distributed through the Superior, State Supreme and United States Circuit Courts. They stand now relatively as they stood when the Chicago lake front decision was rendered two years ago and struck a blow for public rights. These decisions in more important cases are being looked for most any day. Judge Ogden at the conclusion of our argument said he would wait for the decision in this case. Now that that has been disposed of he will work upon his own lines. These cases will all no doubt be carried to the United States Supreme Court."

WAITING FOR THE CHANCE.

SPANIARDS SAID TO HAVE BEEN ANXIOUS TO FIRE UPON AMERICAN VESSELS.

NOW COMES A REPORT THAT AN ENGLISH STEAMER HAS BEEN BOMBARDED.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The Ward line steamer Segurana arrived in port to-day three days out from Havana, Cuba. Speaking of the Alliance matter one of the passengers said that he heard a Spanish official say the Spaniards had been waiting a chance to fire upon American vessels, as they believe the Americans were aiding the insurgents. He furthermore said all Spaniards felt unfriendly toward Americans for the same reason.

As to the revolution the provinces engaged consist of Manzanillo, Santiago de Cuba, Holguin, Guantanamo and Venguela. The rebel forces consist of about 600 men familiar with the country and all determined. The Government forces consist of about 8000 regulars and 8500 more are now en route from Spain.

There are about 50,000 volunteers who will take up arms for Spain, but the Cubans seem to think little of them as fighters. The rebels are marching toward Puerto Principe, which is the seat of the revolution.

The Cubans say that the rebels have things all their own way in the eastern part of the islands, but are committing no depredations. They frequently invade towns for supplies, but always pay for what they get.

A World cable from Havana, Cuba, says the Spanish cruiser Corde de Vanilior fired on an English steamer. It is presumed here the cruiser was mistaken in the nationality of the flag, and it was the Alliance she fired upon.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 18.—A special to the Florida Citizen from Key West, Fla., says: A letter has been received here from Cuba stating that the Spanish gunboat Alcedo fired upon and sank a supposed American schooner off Puerto Padre with sixteen people aboard.

It is rumored that the schooner from Key West was the Golden Hind, of Key West, which left here several weeks ago for a cargo of fruit, with a crew of sixteen men, had to pass Puerto Padre and may have been the vessel in question. The schooner Louis Hastings and Lily also sailed for fruit several days ago.

"When household fires gleam warm and bright" Dr. Price's Baking Powder is a welcome guest.

DOOLITTLE IN TACOMA.

The Washington Congressman Favors the Building of the Nicaragua Canal.

TACOMA, Wash., March 18.—Congressman W. H. Doolittle arrived home to-day from Washington. He was one of the strongest advocates of the Nicaraguan Canal measure, and while deploring the fact that it was killed through the action of the Committee on Rules of the last Congress he feels sure it will pass at the next session.

Tom Reed, he says, is strongly in favor of the canal, and as Reed in his opinion is certain to be speaker of the Fifty-fourth Congress and Chairman of the Committee on Rules he will prevent a repetition of the last session's lack of action. Doolittle has sounded many of the new members and says they are solid for the canal.

FOUR MINERS KILLED.

An Explosion of Giant Powder in Mexico Results Fatally.

NOGALES, Ariz., March 18.—News comes from Minas Prietas, Sonora, Mexico, of an explosion of giant powder which occurred in the Verde mine there, which killed four miners and wounded one fatally. The names were: John Masse, John Roa, Bartola Senig and Angel Capalini.

Broad Gauge From Redlands.

REDLANDS, Cal., March 18.—The Evening Facts says: The Southern Pacific has men in the field securing a right of way for a broad gauge line on a direct route from Redlands to San Bernardino to replace the narrow gauge. This is a part of a system of road to extend to Los Angeles, forming another beltline.

Suicide by Laudanum.

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Ed Bowen, an Englishman, 50 years old, committed suicide by taking laudanum to-night. He had been a clerk at a cigar-stand, but was out of employment. Drink and despondency drove him to the act.

Held Up Near Redding.

REDDING, March 18.—Link Parsons, a miner living at Oregon Gulch, while on his way home from Redding to-night was held up by a lone highwayman and robbed.

STRUNG UP A WOMAN.

Brutal Lynching by the Vigilantes in Nebraska.

NOT DONE BY ROBBERS.

The Victim Suspected of Being in League With Rustlers.

TRACING DASTARDLY CRIMES.

Suspected Men Under Arrest, and They Will Be Compelled to Confess.

OMAHA, March 18.—A special to the Bee from Butte, Neb., says:

Some time Friday Mrs. W. T. Holton, a respectable woman, residing alone on a ranch in an isolated part of Keya Paha County, was criminally assaulted and lynched. The crime is credited to the vigilantes of the district, who believed her in league with cattle rustlers.

Some think the rustlers committed the crime for revenge on account of evidence furnished by the woman against them. Persons passing the ranch Saturday found the body and reported the matter to-day.

The coroner found \$50 on the woman's person, which is regarded as certain evidence that the crime was not committed by tramps, as at first supposed. Her struggle for life had been a hard one.

The bedding and clothing of the woman were torn and scattered about the building. Her shoes had evidently been removed, probably by herself, preparatory to going to bed when surprised by the lynchers.

The woman had evidently been criminally assaulted before she was strung up, and everything points toward a premeditated plan for the consummation of the dastardly deed. No warrants have yet been made, but a meeting of the citizens of the neighborhood was held yesterday and it was decided that prompt measures should be taken, and it is expected that another and possibly several hangings will take place before long.

Several persons are under suspicion, and the parties will be taken and compelled to confess.

The latest report comes that a man named Hunt is implicated in some way with the lynchers, and it is thought he can be forced into a confession.

A number of the alleged rustlers were recently arrested and taken to Spring View, where they broke jail and escaped to the reservation, where they were afterward recaptured and convicted.

The proximity of the Indian reservation to the scene of the depredation makes it possible that a United States Deputy Marshal may have to make the arrests if warrants are sworn out.

KILLED AT SANTA ROSA.

Robert Hardin Goes to Jail in Default of Payment.

SANTA ROSA, March 18.—Robert D. Hardin, brother of Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan, who was tried here a few months ago for the murder of her blind sister, Mrs. Nancy Meagher, was sentenced to pay a \$500 fine by Judge Dougherty to-day. Hardin was arrested for drawing a gun on a man near Sebastopol in an altercation over the Meagher estate. He was first charged with assault with intent to commit murder, but was afterward allowed to plead guilty to simple assault.

Hardin could not raise the money and had to go to jail. He is the administrator of the blind woman's estate, is an old soldier and has always borne a good reputation. John Meagher, the husband of the murdered woman, is now in Missouri, having left here some time ago.

KILLED AT PORT TOWNSEND.

Many Fatalities Attached to the British Ship Lintithgowshire.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., March 18.—Archibald Anderson, head officer of the British ship Lintithgowshire, now in port, to-day was accidentally struck by a ballast-basket and knocked down into the hold and instantly killed.

Within the last three months three deaths occurred aboard the vessel. Her captain died when the ship was going into Valparaiso, and his successor just after leaving that port, while temporarily insane, committed suicide by jumping overboard. Judged by the circumstances, the second officer fell down the hold and his injuries may prove fatal.

SANDOW is the strongest man. Dr. Price's is the Sandow of baking powders.

STRUCK GAS AT SONOMA.

While Boring a Well Natural Illumination Is Discovered.

SONOMA, March 18.—A remarkable flowing artesian gas well was struck by well-borers on Captain Boyes' Agua Rica ranch near this place. Water with a temperature of 112 deg. bursts up from the bowels of the earth at a depth of seventy feet.

Accompanying the flow of hot water are immense volumes of natural gas in sufficient quantities to light a large town. The discovery is looked upon as being of much importance to this valley, as an analysis of the water from the well proves it to be very valuable for medicinal purposes.

THE FROST AT HANFORD.

Apricots Partly Killed, but Other Fruits Are Not Affected.

HANFORD, Cal., March 18.—The damage to fruit by the late frosts in this locality may be summed up as follows: Royal apricots generally badly damaged; peach apricots are partially killed in some orchards, while in others they seem to have escaped entirely; Guereys and white royals will probably yield part of a crop. On the whole a half crop of apricots remains. Peaches are very little damaged in some places. A beneficial trimming is the result. Nectarines and prunes promise a very heavy crop.

Suicide of a Counselman.

TUCSON, Ariz., March 18.—The remains of James W. Whaley, who disappeared from his home a week ago last Saturday, were found this afternoon under the grand stand at Union Park, a sporting resort one mile from town. He had taken morphine, so stating in a letter found beside him. Whaley was a business man and a member of the City Council.

A Youthful Horsethief.

SANTA ROSA, March 18.—Judge Dougherty to-day sentenced Ed Dougherty, a youthful horsethief from Healdsburg,

and Harry Quinn, convicted of burglary committed at Petaluma, to three years each at the Preston Reformatory School.

Quinn is a very smart boy and gained some notoriety here on account of the impression that he has been under the hypnotic influence of a Spaniard named Wilson, who got him into all his trouble.

CRIME AT WOODLAND.

A Woman Brutally Assaulted by a Man She Knew in Ireland.

WOODLAND, March 18.—A crime of a most revolting character was committed here last night. The details were kept quiet to-day until the victim could be prevailed upon to prosecute the case and an arrest made.

The victim is Mrs. Dan Quinn; she is the wife of Dan Quinn, who resides near Madison, and the family is well known and highly esteemed. The man who is alleged to have so brutally and cruelly wronged her is John Slattery, a married man, a resident of Woodland and employed on the railroad. He and his victim knew each other in Ireland when both were children. Sunday John Quinn and wife came to town; they dined with Slattery; later they met at the Toscana Hotel. Mrs. Quinn drank a glass of wine. During the temporary absence of Quinn, Slattery and Mrs. Quinn left the house together.

That was the last seen of her until she was found in a vacant lot, her head bruised, her clothing torn and she in an unconscious condition. Slattery was afterward seen, and his face was badly disfigured. He claimed that he had been in a fight. Mrs. Quinn was some time in regaining consciousness; she cried piteously and begged that the terrible affair be kept from her husband. Those who knew of the crime agreed to keep it quiet, but to-day they determined that the miscreant should be punished. An officer was sent out to inform Quinn, and as a result he came to Woodland, and Slattery was arrested to-night about 8 o'clock.

Recovered Near Livermore.

TRACY, Cal., March 18.—A horse and cart were stolen last night at Lathrop. The property was recovered to-day at the Mountain House, between here and Livermore, by Constable Byrnes of Tracy. It had been abandoned by the thief.

THIRTY-FIVE INDICTMENTS.

REPORT MADE BY THE EXTRAORDINARY GRAND JURY OF NEW YORK.

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER SHAKE UP IN THE CORRUPT POLICE FORCE.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The extraordinary grand jury, which has been out since January 7, reported to-day. Foreman Leggett handed up thirty-five indictments and a presentment censuring the Police Department. The court adjourned until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The presentment alludes at the outset to the work of the Lexow Investigating Committee as having spent many months in collecting evidence, which while ample to satisfy the public of the existence of corruption fell short in most cases of that which the law requires to establish guilt.

"In our opinion," the report continues, "the great body of subordinate officers are honest and capable men, and their assistance in our investigation would doubtless have proved most valuable had we been able to demand it, but without proper orders, accompanied by honest and willing suggestions from their superiors, no aid of this character was practicable. During our entire session no police official, high or low, has volunteered one particle of aid, nor has any evidence whatever been forthcoming from police officials, except such as has been drawn from unwilling witnesses."

In conclusion the report says: "The employment by the executive head of the force of a considerable fortune accumulated as a result of favors granted in the performance of his official duty may well have caused demoralization of the force under his command. The distinction between such favors and direct gratuities is not one that his subordinates are likely to appreciate."

As soon as it became known Judge Ingraham had signed the warrants for the indicted officials, the corridors of the big building commenced to fill. Criminal lawyers who have defended police cases were soon on hand, but professed to have no business in view, being there simply through curiosity.

When Judge Ingraham reached court at 5 o'clock the jam was terrific, but all who assembled to hear the names of the indicted officials were disappointed, as court was immediately adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Rumor ran rife as to who had been indicted. No one in authority would speak.

The key to good housekeeping—liberal use of Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

PLACERS' FRUITS.

Frosts Did Not Affect the Garden Region of Newcastle.

NEWCASTLE, Cal., March 18.—The fact that Newcastle orchardists have not sustained the slightest damage from the cold snap ending in California, and the observations in this vicinity, extending back for over fourteen years, seem to justify the Spanish explorers in calling the Sierra foothills the Tierra Templada, the temperate region, to distinguish them from the Tierra Caliente, the hot lands of the plains, and the Tierra Fria, the cold belts of the higher altitudes. This region is supposed to bear a striking resemblance to the Tierra Templada of the valley of Mexico.

Peaches and almonds have been blossoming for fifteen days and much of the fruit is set, the season being two weeks earlier than last year, which will give that much extra time to market the abundant crops of early fruit and will, beyond a doubt, increase the returns to producers many thousands of dollars. The fruit shipping houses are already preparing for the season's run and large quantities of berries, cherries and early vegetables will soon be moving forward.

Crushed at Martine's.

MARTINE, March 18.—Two miners at the Somerville coal mine were severely injured on Saturday. John Evans and John Griffith were riding out of a slope on the front end of a car when it was derailed by the breaking of a roller, throwing the men against the side of the incline, crushing Evans' ribs and badly injuring Griffith's ribs and otherwise severely injuring them.

Rainfall at San Jose.

SAN JOSE, March 18.—The rainfall yesterday was .29 of an inch, the total for the season being 18.70 inches. The total last season to date was 10.36 inches. The fruit is very little damaged by the frosts of last week and the prospects of a good crop are excellent. Grain of all kinds also looks well.

IS DECLARED A DRAW.

Jake Kilrain and Steve O'Donnell Fight for Eight Rounds.

SULLIVAN RIGHT IN IT.

The Ex-Champion Loudly Coaches the Big Baltimorean.

OTHERWISE VERY CONSPICUOUS.

It Is a Hard-Fought Battle From the Start to the Very Finish.

BOSTON, March 18.—In the presence of 2000 people at the Suffolk Athletic Club to-night Jake Kilrain of Baltimore and Steve O'Donnell of Australia, Corbett's sparring partner, fought eight rounds, and at the close Patsy Shepard, referee, amid shouts of "Kilrain," declared the contest a draw. While the referee was making his mind up John L. Sullivan, who sat just outside the ropes, close by Kilrain's corner, mounted a chair, and waving his title, demanded a decision. When a draw was announced he sprang into the arena and rushed toward O'Donnell's corner. Two of the seconds grabbed him by the arm and turned him aside. Then he clasped hands with Kilrain in apparent congratulation, and swinging his arms showed the latter how the fight might have been won. He was ready, he declared, to challenge the winner, if the referee had only named one. The ex-champion was finally led off by his seconds and the wild cheering caused the wildest excitement ended.

It took Referee Shepard five minutes to decide what decision to make. Kilrain had the best of the last round, and at times it looked as if he was going to put O'Donnell out. He had not the force, however, but his old-time pluck asserted itself, and with wild rushes he dazed the Australian boy, who had been smiling confidently for seven rounds, and had landed at will upon the face of the Baltimorean. O'Donnell was the cleverer in the leads. In the first round he floored Kilrain, and in the second he also had him to the floor, but his blows seemed to lack force. Kilrain did some very effective work with his right.

O'Donnell has gained nothing in reputation by his work to-night, while the stock of Kilrain was rated high. Both men ended the ring at 9:35. O'Donnell was fat and clumsy and weighed 160 pounds. It was apparent that he had little training, while O'Donnell was in excellent trim, and tipped the scales at 173 pounds. With O'Donnell were Ike Weir, James McKay and Billy Delaney. Kilrain was seconded by Jim McCarthy, Jim Phelan and E. Gebhart. The rounds were as follows:

Round 1—O'Donnell was the aggressor and led with his left, which was cleverly stopped by Kilrain. O'Donnell then with his right landed on Kilrain's stomach, following with a left to Kilrain's jaw. Kilrain just held with his left, missed, and a punch sent him to his knees. Kilrain, on rising, was forced to his corner, where rapid blows were exchanged.

Round 2—A punch on Kilrain's nose brought blood. He was called and a right-hander on O'Donnell's neck nearly threw him off his feet. O'Donnell, with a rush, pushed Kilrain suddenly and he fell. Kilrain caught O'Donnell in the face, but received two straight punches in the face. O'Donnell followed with a left on Kilrain's mouth. At the close Kilrain was breathing heavily.

Round 3—O'Donnell landed at will upon Kilrain's mouth and until near the close, when Kilrain swung his left and met O'Donnell's jaw sharply.

Round 4—Kilrain was again on the defensive. He was fighting against great odds and received great punishment in the face and ribs. In the last minute of the round, Kilrain obeyed instructions of John L., which were heard all over the hall, forced the Australian boy to the ropes and punched for the wind with effect.

Round 5—O'Donnell clinched, rushed and got punched in the wind. Counter-blows were exchanged and in a break Kilrain got in his left and O'Donnell planted two fingers upon Kilrain's nose.

Round 6—Kilrain landed his right with effect and got in a swinging right on O'Donnell's ear. O'Donnell came back with two straight rights upon the face. Kilrain clinched to save himself and got in two right-handers on O'Donnell's ribs.

Round 7—O'Donnell was forced to the ropes with a stout right-hander from Kilrain. O'Donnell got in a left swing with his right for a knockout, but Kilrain sparred and clinched. O'Donnell then landed five times on Kilrain's face and Kilrain was decidedly groggy. Kilrain was weak and in dodging received severe punishment. As Kilrain staggered Sullivan rose and shouted to Kilrain to let out his right and left straight. Kilrain obeyed and forced O'Donnell by main strength to his corner.

Round 8—This was Kilrain's round from start to finish. With bulldog tenacity and the thought that his reputation hung on the balance he rushed at O'Donnell like a bull, and surprised his antagonist by forcing him all about the ring and landed a dozen punches on his neck and face. Twice he had O'Donnell at his mercy, but lacked the strength to place a telling blow. O'Donnell was dazed as the spectators shouted to put him out, but the latter could not respond. The round closed with honors for Kilrain.

In the preliminary bouts Billy Hill of Washington, D. C., and Sam Tompkins of Astoria, N. Y., fought at 137 pounds. In the fifth round Tompkins was knocked out with a right upper cut.

TWO CONTESTS ARRANGED.

Tommy Ryan to Meet Dick Burge and Griffo to Face McAuliffe.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Parson Davies' forfeit of \$500 to match Tommy Ryan against Dick Burge of England arrived here to-day from Chicago. It has an explanatory letter, Davis saying: "I inclose \$500 as a forfeit to match Tommy Ryan against Dick Burge for the welter-weight championship of the world and \$5000 a side, the men to weigh 142 pounds, or, if Burge prefers, 144. If this contest takes place in America I will accept the month of November as named by the English champion; if the contest takes place in England it is to be decided in September."

Hugh Behan on behalf of Young Griffo to-day covered McAuliffe's deposit. He said: "I will meet McAuliffe here Friday for the purpose of signing articles and making a match."

Los Angeles Horses Sold.

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—A rumor was current this morning that Dr. K. D. Wise, owner of a large stock farm near this city, had sold the entire stock of horses to John Curry, who has been in the city with the pacing horse, Joe Patchen, for several weeks. The stock includes eighty head of fine horses, among these some noted trotters and pacers. The sale

was a great surprise to local horsemen. The horses will all be shipped to New York at once.

The string of horses sold by Dr. Wise includes the following animals: Adelaide McGregor, 2:15; Adelaide Simmons, 2:14, and the stallions Emin, Bey and Glendene. The purchase price was not made public.

TEN ORDINARY RACES.

Results in the Running Events at East St. Louis and New Orleans.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—East side races. Nine-sixteenths of a mile, George Bradley won, St. Boase second, Jack Bradley third. Time, :59.4. Three-quarters of a mile, May Blossom won, Johnnie Weiser second, Pacolet third. Time, 1:22. Consolation handicap, five-eighths of a mile, Ochsia won, Traveler second, Prince Peyton third. Time, 1:45. Three-quarters of a mile, El Reno won, Florida second, Snuggler third. Time, 1:20.3. Three-quarters of a mile, Jim Head won, Cynthia second, Ed Garland third. Time, 1:20.4.

NEW ORLEANS, March 18.—Seven and a half furlongs, Oxford won, Chimes second, Oakview third. Time, 1:37. Six furlongs, Edmund Connolly won, Anna second, Ardless third. Time, 1:17. St. Patrick's handicap, seven furlongs, Nero won, Prince Imperial second, Longbrook third. Time, 1:28.5. Five and a half furlongs, Verdi won, Colonel Amore second, Johnny McElale third. Time, 1:39.2.</

GRESHAM'S OWN ACT.

Deserves All the Glory for Calling Spain to Time.

BUT NO APOLOGY COMES.

Secret Negotiations as to Firing Upon the Steamer Allianca.

OFFICIAL ACTION NOT TAKEN.

If the Offending Government Is Wrong Full Reparation Will Be Made.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The report that Secretary Gresham had received from Spain, through American Minister Taylor, a diplomatic message, couched in courteous and mild language, promising to make appropriate amends if the Allianca affair should prove to be as reported, is entirely erroneous, as no such message has been received from Minister Taylor. There was, however, received yesterday by the Spanish Minister to the United States a cable message in cipher from the Spanish Government, instructing him to assure the United States Government that the matter would be inquired into, and that if Spain was in the wrong full reparation would be made, but that no action of that nature could be taken until the Spanish Government had an official report from its naval officers in Cuban waters.

The cipher dispatch was seen by the call correspondent's informant. It is conceded that a full reply to Gresham's dispatch, as it relates to the Allianca affair, cannot be made by Spain prior to the receipt by her of some official information on the subject. Spain has so far received only an assertion, a complaint and a demand from this Government, and could only reply at this time that if the affair occurred as reported she stands ready to give proper assurances of regret. She does not know the name of her offending commander or even the name of his ship, and both must be ascertained.

A very interesting discussion has grown out of this incident, which brings the friends of Judge Gresham to the front. They have long chafed under the criticism associating his name with certain ventures of the administration. The Hawaiian matter, in particular, has always rankled in their bosoms. The story representing Mr. Cleveland as having come to Washington in March, 1893, with a plan for the restoration of the monarchy has always found acceptance with them. And now, as they claim, it will no longer be possible to attack Judge Gresham with former virulence.

NEGOTIATING IN SECRET.

President Cleveland Confers With Gresham and Carlisle.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—An impenetrable mystery surrounds the negotiations between the State Department and the Spanish Government on the Allianca affair. It seems to have been borne in upon the officials of the State Department that in the present state of public feeling better progress can be made toward a peaceful settlement of the question by keeping various notes secret than by giving publicity to them before a conclusion has been reached. The only response to definite inquiries that can be obtained is a positive refusal to discuss the subject in any aspect and whether or not any action has yet been taken by the Spanish Government in the direction of issuing instructions to its naval officers to refrain from further interference with American shipping will probably be learned first from Havana, from which point the order will be distributed.

President Cleveland conferred at noon to-day with Secretary Gresham and Secretary Carlisle. The Allianca affair was gone over and statement is made that the present aspect of the subject is such as to give assurance that there will be no trouble of a serious character between the United States and Spain.

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PROCLAMATIONS WITHHELD.

Opening of Lands on Two Reservations Is Postponed.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Secretary Smith says that it is probable that proclamations will not be issued opening any lands within the next three weeks. The proclamations that have been prepared for opening the Yankton Reservation in South Dakota and the Siletz Reservation in Oregon provide that within thirty days after being issued the lands shall be opened. The weather would not be propitious for land opening thirty days hence, and so the proclamations will not issue.

GROVER CLEVELAND'S BIRTHDAY.

The President Receives Congratulations and Baskets of Flowers.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—President Cleveland is 58 years old to-day. There was, however, no special observance of the day at the White House, and the President kept closely to his desk as usual. Several congratulatory telegrams were received and several of his intimate friends called, while others sent their congratulations accompanied by baskets of flowers.

Lem Moore Sing's Case.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Lem Moore Sing, through his attorney, Maxwell Everts, to-day moved in the Supreme Court that his case be advanced on the docket. The case comes from the District Court from the Northern District of California, and is a result of the law exempting Chinese merchants from the operation of the exclusion act. Lem Moore Sing claims to have been a Chinese merchant in San Francisco. He went to China and returned to San Francisco, but was not permitted to land.

Paying the Income Tax.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—A large number of income-tax returns are being received at the Internal Revenue Bureau. They show a very satisfactory acquies-

cence on the part of the taxpayers in all of the regulations governing the collection of the tax. The utmost secrecy as to the amount is being observed.

SENOR ROMERO'S DENIAL.

The British and the Troubles Between Mexico and Guatemala.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Senor Romero, the Mexican Minister here, has entered a formal denial of the accuracy of the published statement that the impending war between Mexico and Guatemala is due to the influence of a British syndicate which controls the Tehuantepec Railway from fear of the competition of the Guatemalan road. The Minister asserts that British holders of stock would have much more to lose than to gain by a war, which would tend to reduce the value of their securities.

JACKSON MAY RESIGN.

His Health Will Probably Cause His Retirement.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—It is understood in the Supreme Court circle that Justice Jackson will resign from the bench of the Supreme Court next fall if his health does not permit him to resume active work after the court's summer vacation. Justice Jackson has been absent from Washington for some months on account of illness, and the attempt in Congress to pass a bill placing him on the retired list was based on the understanding that he would not be able to again take his seat.

TO OVERRIDE THE RULES.

STRONG COMBINATION OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THEY ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE FAVORABLE LEGISLATION OF THE LAST CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The Post-office Department has information of a powerful combination of postal employees designed to bring pressure upon Congress to overturn certain regulations and rules of the department. The employees have been encouraged by success in attaching to the last postoffice appropriation bill an amendment which suspended an order of the department.

This order was issued last June and directed that before the 1st of May, 1895, all railway mail employees should remove to some point along the line of route on which they are employed. This was unsatisfactory to most of the clerks and they obtained legislation overruling the order. The reason for issuing the order is explained at the time the order was issued there were about 1300 of them in the service who did not live on the lines where they worked.

When there was an accident or anything else that requires emergency men, those who were on leave and away from the line where they worked, escaped the extra duty and it fell upon those living on the route. Of the 1300 who were living off the lines where they worked about 300 have notified the department that they have or will remove their homes to the point requested. Probably all of them will so remove, notwithstanding the legislation overruling the order.

The department is now informed that since the failure of legislation in the last Congress increasing the pay of employees, a combination has been formed to pass this legislation, and also to overturn those rules of the department which are unsatisfactory to them. A high official of the department said to-day: "This combination includes some thousands of employees in the railway mail service, the letter-carriers' service and in postoffices. They are all in the classified service and protected from removal. The effect of this combination would be to create a sentiment against the civil service law which protects these employees."

MILLER'S CONVICTION HOLDS.

A Decision Leaving No Loophole for Racing in the District of Columbia.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia to-day affirmed the decision of Judge Cole in the case of Frederick Miller, convicted of making books on races. The decision leaves no loophole for racing within the District of Columbia until the Supreme Court should reverse the decision.

Baron Fava Satisfied.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Baron Fava, the Italian Ambassador, expresses appreciation of the promptness and energy with which the Federal authorities and those of Colorado sought to give the Italians the same protection as American citizens at Walsenburg. The incident closed, as far as international complications are concerned.

Presidential Appointments.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The President to-day announced the following appointments: Joseph R. Herod of Indiana, secretary of the legation of the United States to Japan; Henry A. Cernery, interpreter of the Consulate at Ningpo, China; George F. Smithers, interpreter of the Consulate at Hiogo, Japan.

Shoemaker to Succeed Shepard.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—First Lieutenant Charles E. Shoemaker has been promoted to be captain in the revenue marine service. This is understood to be preliminary to his appointment as chief of the service, to succeed the late Captain Shepard.

Dropped Dead on the Street.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—William T. Brayton, a clerk in the Pension Office, who came here from Wisconsin, dropped dead on the street to-day.

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For Stealing Gold Algam.

OMAHA, March 18.—A special to the Bee from Deadwood, S. D., says: Nashy and James Street and Mrs. Alexander Street were arrested to-day, charged with stealing gold amalgam from the Home-stake mills. The men were employed in the mines and have secured \$50,000 worth of the precious metal, the stealing lasting over a period of three years.

Without a Chief of Police.

BOONE, Iowa, March 18.—The new Mayor on taking the chair removed the police force of the city. The Council refused to confirm the nominees of the new Mayor to-night, and the city is without a Chief of Police.

Bill Cook's Partner Caught.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex., March 18.—A special to the Democrat announces the arrest there of Jim Turner, Bill Cook's partner, at Eddy, N. Mex., by Deputy United States Marshal Ferry, the same officer who captured Bill Cook.

GRADUALLY DIED OUT.

Suspension of the National Bank of Kansas City.

ITS SECOND COLLAPSE.

Depositors Not Alarmed by the Failure, as It Was Expected.

ALL THE DEBTS TO BE PAID.

But It Will Take a Long Time to Wind Up the Affairs of the Concern.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 18.—With assets estimated at \$1,800,000 and the liabilities at \$1,050,000, the National Bank of Kansas City, at Fifth and Delaware streets, suspended this morning and will liquidate and go out of business. At the usual hour of opening the bank, 9:30 A. M., notices of suspension were posted on the doors.

These announcements caused no excitement. A small crowd gathered about the bank, but it soon dwindled away to half a dozen loungers and an occasional passer-by, who would read the notices and say, "That's too bad," and pass on. Stockholders or depositors called occasionally, and most of them were admitted. In almost every case they would walk to the desk and shake hands with President Chick, who in a few words would explain the situation. His explanation was in every case satisfactory. There was no loud talk and no unfavorable comment.

Since the publication of the bank's statement on March 5, depositors have been withdrawing their deposits, and on Saturday evening it was apparent to the officers of the bank that they could not carry on business through to-day unless the clearing-house came to their assistance with a loan. A meeting of the Clearing-house Association was called for yesterday which was attended by the directors of the National Bank of Kansas City. President Chick said:

"We paid out over \$600,000 and saw that we could not meet the demand this morning unless something was done. We needed about \$600,000 to put us in good standing. Some of the banks were anxious to help us, but the feeling was not general and we consequently declined their assistance. The Bank of Commerce offered to help us, but we had decided to suspend so as to pay all depositors alike and no person will have an advantage. Every depositor will be paid in full and none will lose a cent. We will endeavor to have a settlement just as soon as possible."

A prominent member of the Kansas City Clearing-house Association said:

"The liquidation of the National Bank of Kansas City in no way affects the other banks of this city. That the bank would have to liquidate sooner or later has been known for some time. When the bank failed on July 15, 1893, during the panic, it was doubtful then whether or not it would reopen again."

"The probable assets of the bank are close to \$2,000,000, but owing to the fact that much of this is represented by paper and real estate it will be very slow of collection. In fact, the closing of the bank can hardly be termed a failure, but simply a gradual dying out. There is little doubt but what the depositors will receive dollar for dollar with interest for their money, although it may be some time before they will get their pay."

The current opinion expressed among bankers and others who have information on the matter fixes the amount that will be realized by stockholders at from 25 to 40 per cent of their holdings of stock.

Cashier W. A. Rule of the Bank of Commerce said that telegrams had been sent out by his bank to the country banks who have been customers of the National Bank of Kansas City, informing them that all drafts on the suspended bank will be honored by the National Bank of Commerce. He is also notifying the wholesale merchants of this city that this bank will honor their checks if they so desire.

In the panic of 1893 the bank suspended, but through an agreement between the depositors and the stockholders it was permitted to resume business. The steady withdrawal of deposits since that time placed the bank in an embarrassing position, causing another suspension. The statement given out shows assets of \$1,800,000 and liabilities of \$1,050,000. The Star this afternoon will say editorially that none of the other banks in the city will be in any way affected.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The Comptroller of the Currency to-day received a telegram announcing the suspension of the National Bank of Kansas City. Bank Examiner Galbraith was appointed temporary receiver. The capital stock is \$1,000,000, with assets at the face value amounting to nearly \$2,000,000, of which \$170,000 is cash on hand and due from other banks. The liabilities are estimated at \$1,084,000.

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ADMIRAL TING LIVES.

It Is Reported That He Was Smuggled Away.

NEW YORK, March 18.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says: Chinese papers here say that Admiral Ting, who was reported to have committed suicide at Weihai-wei, is alive.

It is said that coffins on a warship to Che Foo contained the bodies of Liu, ex-captain of the Tin Yehin; Chang, who was in command of the garrison at Liu Kung Tao, and Tai, commander of the land force at Weihai-wei, but Admiral Ting, it is asserted, was smuggled away.

MRS. FIDELIA ELLIOTT DEAD.

She Was a Noted Woman Suffragist and a Leader in Wyoming.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 18.—Mrs. Fidelity Elliott, a leader in the woman's suffrage movement in this State, died here to-day. Mrs. Elliott was a shrewd political worker and has served frequently as delegate to county and State conventions. During the last campaign, as president of the Woman's Republican Club, she traveled through the State doing effective campaign work. She was a public speaker of some ability, and wielded considerable influence in politics.

Swedish Lutheran Churches.

SALINA, Kans., March 18.—The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Augusta Synod of the Swedish Lutheran Church, which has been in session at Linsborg, closed to-day. The States of Kansas, Nebraska, California, the Utah District

and the Columbia Conference are comprised in this synod. Many prominent divines were present, and much profitable work accomplished.

YET IN THE RACE.

Mrs. Lease May Be Nominated for the Wichita Mayoralty.

WICHITA, Kans., March 18.—Mrs. Mary E. Lease did not receive the nomination of the Democratic-Populist contingent for Mayor of Wichita to-day for the simple reason the Citizens' Committee was unable to find her.

Later her husband stated she was in Topeka, and would arrive in Wichita to-morrow morning. The delay has given the opposition a chance to puncture her boom and now the A. P. A. leaders are fighting her to a finish for the reason that she was born in Ireland.

Late to-night a message was received from Mrs. Lease stating she is undecided about the matter, but the consensus of opinion here is she will be the candidate.

WRECK OF A FREIGHT TRAIN.

Engineer and Fireman Injured and Brakeman Killed.

PALESTINE, Tex., March 18.—The westbound freight train, which left here at 6:30 was wrecked at 8 o'clock just north of Oakwood.

The engine was ditched and overturned. Six cars were ditched and Engineer E. Miller received slight injuries. Fireman Majors was hurt internally and Brakeman Lennox was instantly killed.

MISSION OF JUDGE DIXON.

WAS NOT COMMISSIONED TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION IN HAWAII.

AS TO THE REPORT THAT LILUOKALANI'S SENTENCE IS TO BE COMMUTED.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The report brought by Judge Dixon of Butte, Mont., from Hawaii, that ex-Queen Liliuokalani's sentence will be commuted and a general election called for the election of a President, is not credited by officials here. They cite the clause of the Hawaiian constitution declaring that Sanford Ballard Dole has been made President of the Republic of Hawaii, to hold office until 1900. Representative McCreary, who is referred to in the dispatch from Butte as having commissioned ex-Congressman Dixon to make an investigation at Hawaii, says:

"I wish to deny the whole story. I never sent Judge Dixon to Hawaii, and did not know of his going until after he had gone. He went to recuperate the health of his son, Mrs. Dixon remaining at San Francisco with a relative of mine. I never heard of an investigation of Hawaii for myself or for the Foreign Affairs Committee, and I have not and will not receive a report on that subject."

In the brightest autumn mornings prepare the griddle cakes with Dr. Price's Baking Powder. They make a model breakfast.

EDITOR DANA COMMITTED.

HIS PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THE CHARGE OF LIBEL.

AN APPLICATION WILL BE MADE TO REMOVE THE CASE TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The preliminary examination of Charles A. Dana, editor of the Sun, on indictment for criminal libel of Frank B. Noyes of the Washington Evening Star, which had been set down for to-day, brought together an unusually large assemblage at the office of United States Commissioner Shields, in the Federal building this morning.

The indictment was returned by the Grand Jury of the Supreme Court for the District of Columbia on March 7. It also included William L. Taffan, the publisher of the Sun, who has not yet been arrested. Franklin Barrett was the counsel for Mr. Dana. Mr. Dana and Elihu Root arrived together. United States District Attorney McFarlane represented the prosecution.

Commissioner Shields offered in evidence a certified copy of the indictment by the Grand Jury of the District of Columbia, charging the defendant with criminal libel, and Mr. Root objected that it was incompetent and irrelevant, but his objection was overruled. Thomas Hitchcock, the treasurer of the Sun Company, was called and stated in answer to questions that Mr. Dana was the editor of the Sun.

Mr. Hitchcock was called as a witness for the defense. He told how long he had known Mr. Dana and was allowed to say that the latter had nothing to do with the circulating department of the Sun on February 22 last.

"We claim and offer to show that the defendant here committed no offense within the District of Columbia," said Mr. Root. "So that there could be no jurisdiction of the court there over the alleged facts on which the indictment was found."

McFarlane objected, and was sustained. Commissioner Shields denied all these motions for a dismissal and announced that he would sign a regular warrant of commitment for Mr. Dana and hold him to await the order of removal by the District Judge.

Root asked that Mr. Dana be discharged on his own recognizance pending application, which was assented to by District Attorney McFarlane. It was arranged that the application for the removal of the case to the District of Columbia court should be heard on Monday, April 1, at 2 P. M.

Personating Colonel West.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 18.—Reports of the operations of the swindler who has been personating Colonel A. J. West, quartermaster-general of Georgia, in Philadelphia, Boston and elsewhere continue to reach Colonel West and his friends here. Colonel West is greatly annoyed that his name should have been used in such a manner, and is highly gratified to learn of the arrest of the "crook" in Boston.

Means Work for Many.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., March 18.—Work was started to-day in the calendar-room of the Hillville Rubber Mills, which have been idle for weeks, and 1000 men will get employment.

Briarcrens Had a Hundred Arms.

Nervousness has many queer symptoms. But whatever these may be, they one and all depart in consequence of the soothing, invigorating influence of Dr. Price's Stomach Bitters, which tones the system through the medium of thorough digestion and assimilation. Tremulous nerves soon acquire steadiness by its use. It promotes sleep and appetite, and fortifies the system against disease. Malaria, constipation, rheumatism and kidney troubles are relieved by it.

IS BACKED BY FORCE.

England's Demand on Nicaragua for a Big Indemnity

FOR HATCH'S EXPULSION.

Uncle Sam Ignored in the Commission to Assess Damages.

JOHN BULL SENDS A WARSHIP.

Serious Complications May Grow Out of the Ultimatum and This Country May Interfere.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, March 18.—The British Government, through its Minister here, has submitted an ultimatum to Nicaragua. It demands a cash indemnity of £15,000 as "smart" money to pay for the expulsion of Mr. Hatch, British Consular Agent, during the troubles of last year, and also for the appointment of a commission to investigate the damage sustained by the persons and property of British subjects who were expelled from the Mosquito Reservation about the same time. By the terms of the ultimatum Great Britain is to name one of the commissioners and Nicaragua another and these two are to choose a third, who shall not be a citizen of the United States. It was also made known that a British man-of-war was now on her way to Nicaragua to enforce these demands, which must be complied with within seven weeks from the 25th of February last, the date of the ultimatum.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—It is impossible to learn positively whether the State Department has been advised officially of the severe demands made upon Nicaragua by Great Britain, but from the fact that General Barrios, who was appointed by Nicaragua to endeavor to settle the difficulty, has recently paid several visits to the State Department in company with Dr. Gusman, the resident Nicaraguan Minister, it is assumed that our own Government is fully posted in regard to the matter.

It cannot be denied that this new incident, taken in connection with the hostile attitude of Great Britain toward Venezuela, promises to lead to trouble of a character much more serious than the incident of the Allianca. There are questions of indemnity arising in Venezuela growing out of claims preferred by other European nations.

Many of the claims grow out of the failure of these republics to meet their obligations to foreign debtors under the stress of hard times and the influence of the world-wide depression in trade. As the European Governments appear to be moving to collect these individual debts on their own account, it is a question that to how far it is prepared to allow this process to go on. Besides, there is a rather disagreeable reflection upon American citizens in the disputation that none shall serve on the commission to adjudge the damage. On the whole, it is probable that the President will interfere to secure at least an amelioration of the terms of the ultimatum by an appeal to the British Government, representing the great hardship that it would work to Nicaragua under her present depressed condition to prefer a demand for so large an indemnity.

SPECIALLY APPETIZING IN THE HARVEST SEASON IS THE FOOD COOKED WITH DR. PRICE'S BAKING POWDER.

WERE NOT PROSECUTED.

The Case Against the Moultons Dismissed at Colusa.

COLUSA, March 18.—The Moulton case was dismissed to-day for want of prosecution on motion of John T. Harrington. In the fall of 1893 Mary Ethel Mitchell came to Colusa. Young Moulton was wild and stayed in town a great deal. His father is a man of wealth and influence. Everett Moulton got fascinated and went before Notary Miles while intoxicated and was married by contract January 26, 1894. His parents were frantic. They lived twelve miles from town and finding that their son was married to the Mitchell girl they went to Sacramento to alter Colonel Moulton's will.

Mrs. Moulton was sick, the boy, aged 19, followed his mother, and subsequently went off to Oregon and remained for months. The family tried to get the woman to give up the contract, but all in vain. She had it recorded and after writing letters and in every way trying to find him she began a suit for \$50,000 against his parents.

The case was opened in San Francisco and subsequently transferred to Colusa. The Salvation Army took it up and some months later two of the soldiers met young Moulton in a wheatfield. He swore he would never see the girl again. The irate father came along and drove them from the ranch. Mrs. Ethel Moulton remained in San Francisco and vigorously prosecuted her suit.

The girl was for a while here, but left for the city in the early part of last spring. This was with a band of Christian women, who tried to persuade her husband to return to her. She joined the church while here and made some friends thereby. Young Moulton was in town to-day looking happy over the dismissal of the suit against his parents. It is regarded as ended here. Neither the girl nor her attorney was present.

FRAUD AT TACOMA.

The Union Mutual Life Insurance Company Makes the Charge.

TACOMA, March 18.—Another Radloff mystery came to light in an answer filed by Attorney Jones of Seattle in the Superior Court to-day. The complaint in the case, which is entitled Johanna C. Martin against the Mutual Life Insurance Company, has not yet been put on record, but it is evident from the contents of the answer that it was to recover \$1000 on a life insurance policy issued on the life of Jonas Martin, who the plaintiff alleges, died October 28, 1893.

The Union Mutual Life Insurance Company denies in the answer that Martin is dead, and declares that some time in the fall of 1893 he and his wife, the plaintiff in action, entered into a conspiracy to defraud the company out of the policy, and that Martin secretly left the State for parts unknown. The company further denies the statement of the complaint that proofs of death were forwarded to Portland, Maine, or to any other place.

In the affirmative answer the company

says in September, 1894, Johanna F. Martin entered into an agreement and conspiracy with the law firm of Palmer, Palmer & Thomas to compel the payment of the policy, and that it was agreed, if they succeeded, the firm was to receive 40 per cent of the proceeds and the plaintiff 60 per cent.

RATES RESTORED.

The Santa Fe Road Puts Back the Old Figures for Second Class.

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—The second-class passenger rate over the Santa Fe was restored to-day to the regular figure of \$52.50. It has transpired since Passenger Traffic Manager White returned to Chicago that not only did the Santa Fe secure indisputable evidence that the Texas and Pacific and its Eastern connections were cutting the rate, but that so keen was the competition of these lines that they contrived to get away with the business for which sleeping accommodations over the Santa Fe had already been reserved.

Santa Barbara's Flower Festival.

SANTA BARBARA, March 18.—Preparations for Santa Barbara's flower festival are steadily progressing and will be on a grander scale than ever before attempted. It is proposed to repeat the most conspicuous features of former festivals, while many original and novel features will be added. The unusually early season and the wonderful profusion of bloom this spring provide a remarkable quantity and variety of flowers upon which to draw, and new and dazzling effects may be expected.

CONTROLLED BY CONGRESS.

INTERESTING DECISION UPON THE STATUS OF PENSIONS BY JUSTICE BREWER.

NO MAN HAS A LEGAL RIGHT TO INTERFERE FOR HIMSELF OR FOR OTHERS.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—An interesting opinion upon the status of pensions was delivered by Justice Brewer.

"Congress being at liberty to give or withhold pensions," said the Justice, "may prescribe who shall receive and determine all the circumstances and conditions under which any application therefor shall be prosecuted. No man has a legal right to interfere in the matter of obtaining pensions for himself or others. The whole control of the matter is within the domain of Congressional power."

This declaration was incidental to the court's opinion upon the appeal of Henry N. Frisby, who was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment by the Circuit Court in Louisiana on an indictment charging that he demanded a greater sum than \$10 for his prosecuting a pension claim, in violation of the act of June 27, 1890, which placed that limit upon the attorney's fee. The Justice said:

"It is within the undoubted power of the Government to restrain some individuals from some contracts," and referred to contracts for the purchase or sale of lottery tickets in that connection. After stating that a pension granted by the Government is a matter of bounty, that no pensioner has a vested legal right to his pension; that Congress has the right to give, withhold, distribute or recall them, Justice Brewer said: "Having power to legislate on this whole matter, to prescribe the condition under which parties may assist in procuring pensions, it has the equal power to enforce by penal provisions in compliance with its requirements. There can be no reasonable question of the constitutionality of the statute." The conviction, therefore, was sustained.

In the case of J. S. Field Jr., receiver of the Morristown and Cumberland Gap Railroad Company, appellant against John Coleman and the Atlantic Trust Company, from the Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Judge Brewer delivered the opinion. It was held that the Circuit Court has not the power to take the property out of the hands of the receiver appointed by the State court. Justice Brewer said that the forcible continuance of possession by the Federal Court did not transform that which was in the first instance wrongful into rightful possession. The case was remanded to the Circuit Court for proceedings not inconsistent with the opinion.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS IN BRIEF.

Ex-Congressman Amos Townsend, a prominent merchant of Cleveland, Ohio, died at St. Augustine, Fla., from heart failure.

General von Werder, the German Ambassador to Russia, has been recalled. It is reported that he is to be succeeded by Count Herbert Bismarck.

THE TROUBLES OF LA REGALONCITA.

SECRETARY MCCOMB SAID SHE WAS TOO YOUNG TO DANCE IN PUBLIC.

HER MANAGER ARRESTED.

REV. DR. FERDINAND EWER, HER GRANDFATHER, WAS A WELL-KNOWN PIONEER.

The withdrawal of the three little dancers known as La Regaloncita, La Graciola and La Preciosa from the Orpheum, where their infantile but artistic antics created some commotion, is due to the action of Secretary McComb of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. A few days ago that official caused the arrest of Manager Walter for violation of the law relating to minor children acting upon the stage, and until the case is settled in court, the little dancers will enjoy an enforced rest.

La Regaloncita is the nine-year-old dancer whose case created a sensation in New York three years ago. Elbridge T. Gerry, the head of the Humane Society of that city, caused the arrest of her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Ewer, for unlawfully exhibiting the child, and after months of litigation the courts finally decided against the society. Secretary McComb, however, has



La Regaloncita, the Child Actress.

discovered that the laws relating to children on the stage in this state are different in many respects from those of New York and he has decided to test them in the case of the dancers alluded to.

The history of La Regaloncita, which is Spanish for "our little pet," will be of interest to Californians in that the child's grandfather, Ferdinand C. Ewer, was a prominent figure in this city in the earlier pioneer days. He was for some years prior to 1850 the publisher of the "Pioneer Magazine," a publication of considerable merit. He later studied for the ministry, and for some years filled a Presbyterian pulpit in this city. Rev. Mr. Ewer was an erratic man, and his marriage to a well-known local dancing-teacher created a commotion. Early in the sixties Rev. Mr. Ewer went to New York, where he became rector of Grace Church, and for years he presided over one of the most aristocratic congregations in Gotham.

Miss Charlotte Ewer, mother of the three dancers, married her own cousin, Ferdinand Ewer, the son of a Chilean woman. He came to America for four years to study medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and while there he met his cousin Charlotte. The two were married some months later, and when Ferdinand had returned to America the couple went to Santiago where five children were born to them. The youngest but one is Mildred, or La Regaloncita, now 9 years of age. From babyhood she was a mimic, and when Joseph J. Peterson, who was in New York in 1892, he remarked, "My little one, you are a true artist; God has given you genius which no one should seek to smother."

During the Chilean revolution the fortunes of the Ewers changed for the worse, and Mrs. Ewer determined to place her children on the stage in this country. The three girls showed remarkable talent and they were carefully trained before their anxious mother secured an engagement for them in New York. Litigation followed, and the indications are that Mrs. Ewer's experiences in New York will be duplicated in this city.

Mrs. Ewer is greatly distressed at the turn affairs have taken. She has placed the case in the hands of an attorney, and her friends assure her that they will render her support in combating the action taken by the officials of the Humane Society. "To call dancing by children work is ridiculous," said she. "Talent is not work, and my child Mildred assures me that she loves to dance. My father was an Anglican Catholic or high Episcopal, and ministered for years in San Francisco. He was widely known in New York, very dramatic and a student of Shakespeare. Edwin Booth was his much-admired friend. As a child I showed dramatic talent, but my parents were prejudiced against a stage career, and did what they could to repress my ambition in that direction."

"I have decided to treat my children differently, especially Mildred, who shows great talent. She loves dancing, and if the society alleges, this fancy dancing such as my little folks indulge in is harmful, may I ask my parents in the highest and most cultivated circles send their children dancing school?"

Mrs. Ewer speaks Spanish fluently, as she does also German and French. La Regaloncita and her two sisters speak the same languages. All of them seem to be made on the pension office here and an investigation followed. J. C. Fox, a special pension agent, was sent out from Washington.

ington, and his inquiries resulted in the arrest of Gruber at Knights Ferry yesterday on a charge of attempting to defraud the United States Government.

MRS. MARTIN RETURNS. She Has Been Visiting Her Mine in Shasta County.

Mrs. Isabella J. Martin returned from Shasta County yesterday and took up her abode in her Van Ness avenue home. She indignantly denied having run away from her creditors, and explained her absence by saying some urgent business in connection with her mine demanded her immediate attendance in Redding. During her intervals of leisure she studied her part in the play she is shortly to produce and is now almost letter perfect in her lines.

Mrs. Martin was determined not to allow her return to San Francisco to go unheralded. From Lathrop she telegraphed for a detective to meet her at the sixteenth-street station, Oakland, and intimated that she had a big tale to unfold. The detective did not put in an appearance, and when the lady reached the city she sent him an urgent message to meet her at 320 Sansome street.

The office of the law went there and then Mrs. Martin unfolded a wonderful tale of the sale of a salted mine in Shasta. Cores and drills had been tampered with and a gold brick had been introduced in order to cause the success of the venture of the conspirators are now in South Africa and the third is now waiting for the final payment on the mine and he also will decamp. The officer thanked Mrs. Martin for the information, told her it was of concern of his and advised her to consult with the Sheriff of Shasta County.

ROBBERS BESIEGE A HOUSE.

MRS. HAWLEY'S HOME ON BUENA VISTA AVENUE ATTACKED FOUR TIMES.

THE BURGLARS LEFT A MASK AND CLUB WHEN SHE DROVE THEM AWAY.

The police are puzzled over a series of attempted burglaries in the house of Mrs. Elizabeth Hawley, at the junction of Haight street and Buena Vista avenue. Some burglars, whose daring borders on a reckless disregard for consequences and shows them to be desperate characters, have literally besieged the house. After being driven away on different nights by the plucky lady they persisted in returning, and at last it became necessary to have protection in the shape of detectives in her home.

But so far the detectives have been unable to catch a glimpse of the midnight marauders, who have almost succeeded in driving Mrs. Hawley into a fit of nervous illness. The house is so situated that people entering either the back or front door can be seen from Buena Vista Park, where the watcher would be safe in the dense foliage from observation. It is believed that the movements of policemen and detectives were watched from that vantage ground, and when the burglars knew that men were in the house they wisely kept away.

Still, a diligent investigation is going on, and should the robbers make another attempt they will be given a warm reception. The reason for the repeated attempts to rob Mrs. Hawley's house is easily understood. Mrs. Hawley has many very fine diamonds and quite a collection of jewels and jewelry. Besides, she possesses a pressful of silver plate. Her husband went to Salt Lake City about two weeks ago, since when she has been alone with her young sister, Miss Belle Newhall of San Jose. The burglars appear to be well aware of the unprotected condition of these two ladies, for it was not till after Mr. Hawley went away that the house was assailed.

It so happened, however, that the locks were good and strong, and after the first attempt the criminals to break into the house Mrs. Hawley was on the alert day and night. Her watchfulness and pluck combined saved her from robbery and perhaps from personal violence at the hands of one of the burglars. The first attempt was made on the night of the 10th inst. when the burglars did not intend to stop at anything—not even murder—in their greed for booty. These developments came with the rout of the burglars, for when they left an iron club behind with a mask and some tools used by burglars. The fact the burglar was armed with a murderous weapon convinced the detectives that Mrs. Hawley was the object of the robbers' persistent visits, and that she would not have received any quarter at their hands.

That brave lady does not imagine for a moment that she acted the part of a heroine in guarding her home. She laughed as she told about her experiences in the midnight hours while she kept a lonely vigil in the dark.

"I know it was my diamonds they were after," said she, showing a pretty little hand ablaze with brilliant stones. "And the detectives who came here told me they had no doubt but that that iron club was for me in case there should be any trouble. I'd like to see a robber come around here now while I have my pistol ready. I'd give him a reception he never dreamed of."

"Just two weeks ago my husband went to Salt Lake City on business, leaving me alone in the house except for a servant. Then my sister, Miss Newhall, came from San Jose to keep me company. A week ago last Wednesday an attempt was made to rob the house. The burglars tried to get in through the front door, but were scared away by somebody on the street. They did not come back that night. Two nights later they got in by the outside back door and were in the basement. It was then they opened the lock by cutting away at the door with a tool, and bolted against them from the inside, and I suppose they were afraid to smash it in because the noise would awaken us. We saw their masks in the morning, and a lock pick and candle."

"Friday night they tried to get into the house when I was watching. I had purposely turned the gas off early, and about twenty minutes later I heard a noise. I worked away for half an hour, and I crept to the door inside. Just as they opened it I called, 'Who's there?' and grabbed the handle to pull the door open. This frightened them, and they pulled against me and then ran away. I went upstairs and found a mask cut out of a burly bag, an iron club with a handle and a wire bent to pick the locks. Since that night I carry a pistol around the house, so as to be ready should they come back."

Mrs. Hawley belongs to a wealthy San Jose family and has a great many friends here and in the Santa Clara Valley. She is greatly annoyed that her luxurious home should be the mark of malicious robbers.

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THE LONG-OVERDUE COLUSA. Reinsurance on the Vessel Refused at Fifteen Per Cent.

The bark Colusa is now out 107 days from Tacoma, bound for Shanghai, and still no tidings have been received from the vessel. The underwriters express the greatest fears for her safety, and while her owners still cling to the hope that she will turn up all right, seafaring men generally do not incline to this belief.

The Colusa has on board a cargo of lumber, and cargo, freight and vessel are insured for \$20,000. Fifteen per cent was offered for reinsurance, but the vessel's owners had no takers. The Colusa is owned by George F. Smith & Co. of this city. A. H. Paul of that firm being the managing owner. She is over twenty years old, and was built in Bath, Me., by William Rogers. She has been on this coast for many years.

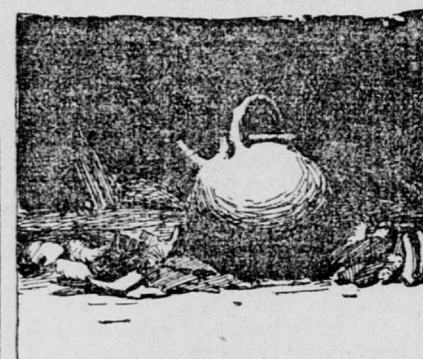
JOULLIN'S PUPILS PROMISE WELL.

WHAT THE STUDENTS IN THE STILL-LIFE CLASS ARE DOING.

FOUR ARE STRONG WORKERS.

TECHNIQUE IS TAUGHT, AND ORIGINALITY MUST PROVE THE PUPIL'S ABILITY.

None of the conditions that control life work have any strength in the action of the still-life class at the Hopkins Art School. As a matter of numbers the still-life class under Mr. Amedee Joullin is as large as usual and the students promise,



A MEXICAN STUDY.

[From an original sketch made for the "Call" by M. Uranaela.]

as the representations of their work show, to do much more in the future. In all of the still-life work the question of values, handling, color, texture and general interpretation show as much of the method of the master as of the work of the pupil. In this particularity the still-life class speaks for itself as to its artistic future. Originality with the pupil is the first consideration, and the teacher of the class declines to permit any limitation as a result of style.

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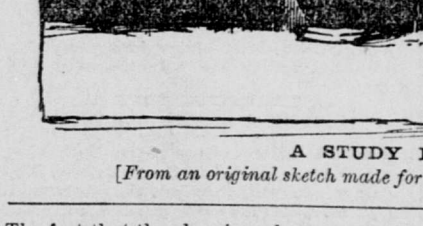
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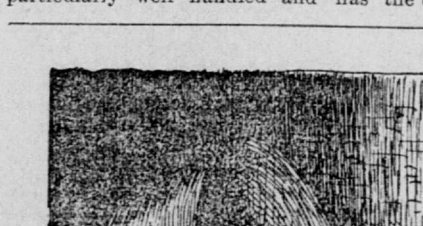


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WILL ASSEMBLE THIS AFTERNOON.

MANUFACTURERS ARRIVING TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION.

A. S. HALIDIE FOR CHAIRMAN.

ALL RECOGNIZED BRANCHES OF TRADE WILL BE REPRESENTED.

California manufacturing interests will receive an impetus this afternoon which will open up a new era for the State.

At 2 o'clock representative manufacturers will assemble in the Chamber of Commerce in convention to discuss the needs of the various manufacturers, a plan of action to secure patronage of home industries, and to map out a plan which will bring trade, which now goes East, to the mills of California.

In order that this may be brought about, all recognized branches of trade will be represented. It was intended to hold the convention in the Young Men's Christian Association rooms, but that plan was abandoned, as it was deemed more in keeping with the objects of the meeting to assemble in a trade building.

The programme, as published in the CALL on Saturday, has been slightly changed. Hugh Craig will deliver the address of welcome, owing to the illness of President Dimond of the Chamber of Commerce. Governor Budd has so much work ahead of him that he may not be able to attend, though he has not positively stated either way. Otherwise the programme stands.

There is little doubt that A. S. Hallidie, president of the California Wire Works, will be elected permanent chairman. L. B. Ridd of the Edison Iron Works will be chosen corresponding secretary, and M. Barnet of the Journal of Commerce recording secretary. A long list of vice-presidents will be named. Every trade in the State will be represented.

Rooms for the reception of delegates were opened at the Grand Hotel yesterday morning. A number of manufacturers from interior portions of the State, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, California, Oregon and Washington producers, are here ready to take the fresh steps for the betterment of the coast. Papers from all over the country with stationery for the use of the "delegates" will be ready. A porter will attend to the wishes of the gentlemen was on hand, but until evening had little to do but keep up a blazing fire in the grate.

A register will be opened this morning for each delegate to record his name, address and business. This autograph register will become part of the archives of the organization to be formed, and will in a few years have an historic value.

Oakland will be represented by the following manufacturers: Delegates by the Board of Trade of that city: William Rutherford of the California Cotton-mills; E. J. Nelson, Oakland Brewing Company; E. H. Hundley, Oakland Planing-mill; E. Norton, Oakland Iron Works; J. M. Saunders, Pacific Press Publishing Company; George Roth, Eagle Manufacturing Company; E. S. Sissons, manufacturing at large; and M. J. Keller of the Keller Clothing Company.

Charles Delmas, a Puget Sound cooper who is deeply interested in the movement, will present some facts regarding the patronage bestowed upon his industry by California, Oregon and Washington producers. He proposes to show that just because there has not been concerted action among the Western people in assisting home industries the coöperation business has fallen off during the past few years to such an extent that it is almost at a standstill at the present time.

The following letter is self-explanatory: SAN FRANCISCO, March 16, 1895.

Mr. Hugh Craig—DEAR SIR: In reading this morning paper I saw that the manufacturers have been made an effort to show the great importance of our work, which has been reduced to less than one-fourth of what it was in 1877. I found we were not profitable as the rate of freight was too high—\$4 per ton measurement. It would cost as much to bring them to San Francisco as to bring them from New York, a distance of 3300 miles. I did not succeed with the company of the Humboldt, but in the Pacific Coast Steamship Company I succeeded in having the rate reduced one-fourth. This was not enough so I came to San Francisco. Yours truly, A. J. GRANROTH, Humboldt Basket Factory, 624 Broadway.

Many more letters of the same character have been received by Secretary Barnet of the advisory committee, which will be read at the meetings to-morrow and during the week. The time allowed for the reading of each paper and debate on the same will have been decided, but will be regulated by the rules governing the convention, to be adopted to-day. It is thought that by holding three meetings each day the convention could adjourn on Saturday.

To-night the delegates will attend the American concert at the Mechanics' Pavilion and during the week will enjoy other amusements to be arranged by the reception committee.

The following additional subscriptions of \$5 each to the Manufacturers' Convention have been received: San Brothers, Thomas Day & Co., Cahn, Nickelsburg & Co., Westcott & Co., Manufacturers' Association, Paul Rieger, California Optical Company, John Taylor & Co., Kittle & Co., Union Lithograph Company, B. Blumenthal & Co., H. E. Holmes & Co., Consumers' Co., W. E. Evans & Co., L. P. Degart, California Wire Association, L. Merrill, Golden Gate Glove Factory, San Francisco Novelty and Plating Works, California Barrel Company, Giant Powder Company, Ames & Harris, Hobbs, Wall & Co., Edison Iron Works, Sanborn, Vail & Co., John D. Spreckels & Co., Dunham-Carrigan-Hayden Company, Cahill & Hall Elevator Company, S. F. Weeks Company, American Type Foundry Company, Pacific Woodware and Cooperage Company, John Fian, J. J. Pfister Knitting Company, Code, Eifelt & Co., California Art, Blend, Iron and Cutting Works, Paraffine Paint Company, Pacific Rolling-mills, American Biscuit Company, San Francisco Co-operative Box Factory, Commercial Box Factory, Walter Brunt, P. F. Nolan & Co., Rothschild & Ehrenpfert, Joshua Hendy Machine Works.

STORY OF A DISCHARGED GUARD.

He Claims That House of Correction Funds Are Misused.

According to the story of John McNeil, a House of Correction guard who was discharged on February 1, Auditor Broderick has been signing and Treasurer Widder paying demands on the House of Correction funds for what no services were rendered. He charges that A. Cleary was employed as a watcher at the vault of the Registrar's office where the ballots cast at the late election were kept, but at the same time drew his pay as a House of Correction guard.

Auditor Broderick's books show that he signed a warrant for A. Cleary for twenty-three and a half days' pay as a guard during January. He knows nothing regard-

ing the justice of the claim, as the salary warrants come to him as correct, and he has no option but to sign.

The Superintendent of the House of Correction laughs at the idea of any one drawing pay for working at the institution, unless the services were actually performed. He thinks the story is a piece of spitwork on the part of O'Neil, who takes that means of getting revenge for his discharge.

MILLSPAUGH'S SUCCESSOR.

The Position Has Been Tendered to an Out-of-Town Man.

W. S. Millsbaugh, the ex-claims adjuster of the Southern Pacific Company, has not yet left the city and was still around the big office building yesterday afternoon, although his presence there was not in an official capacity.

His recent position has been tendered to a gentleman out of the city, whose name the officials quite naturally refuse to disclose as yet, but an answer is not expected for several days to come.

It is but just to other gentlemen connected with the claims department to state the fall of Millsbaugh in no way reflects upon himself. The head of the department, Mr. Herrin, said yesterday that no other changes were contemplated or would be made.

Millsbaugh has not been fortunate in the matter of securing the friendship of the officials in the general offices of the Southern Pacific since he came to this city and there are but few who have a kindly word for the deposed adjuster. His managers, for one thing, were against him. He had a habit of constantly forcing his legal achievements to the front when in conversation.

WHICH IS WIDOW GRABER?

BOTH WOMEN DETERMINED TO PUSH THEIR CLAIMS IN THE COURTS.

EXCITING EXPERIENCE OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF MARIN COUNTY.

There is every probability that a bitter legal warfare will be waged in the courts over the estate of Jacob Mackey Graber, who died last Friday in San Rafael and was buried there yesterday.

As reported yesterday, two women appeared immediately after his death, each of whom claimed to be his widow. Both women attended the funeral, and at its conclusion returned to this city and set about measures to secure the property of the deceased.

By the same boat came Edward Eden, Coroner and Public Administrator of Marin County, and who, under an order from the Superior Court of that county, took charge of the property of the deceased pending the settlement of its ownership through legal channels.

He met with quite an exciting experience while taking an inventory of the saloon owned by Graber at 908 Kearny street. One of the sons of Mrs. Graber No. 1 of this city, under the impression that Public Administrator Eden was taking possession of the property on behalf of Mrs. Graber No. 2 of San Rafael, forced his way into the premises and refused to leave until an officer was summoned. The situation was then explained to him and he withdrew.

Besides the saloon just mentioned, Mr. Graber also owned a saloon at 510 Jackson street, and the two-story frame structure in which it is located, though not the lot on which the building stands.

Mrs. Graber No. 1, who has been living at 805 Pacific street, is quite indignant at what she calls the bold pretensions of Mrs. Graber No. 2, and declares that the latter has no right or interest of any kind to any of the property left by Mr. Graber. Her story is that she was married to Jacob Mackey Graber twenty years ago, that she had three children by him—two sons and a daughter—the boys being aged 20 and 18 and the girl aged 16, and the daughter sixteen. Continuing she said:

"We separated about thirteen years ago and have been living apart ever since. We have met frequently and have exchanged greetings, but nothing more. The cause of our separation was family disagreements."

"About two years ago my husband took up with Nellie Hale, who was a waitress in one of his saloons, and has been living with her, so I learn, ever since. My two sons have been living with them at San Rafael and my daughter is East. My husband has not contributed to my support since our separation, but has always looked well after our children."

"The other three children who have been living with my husband and Nellie Hale are her children by a former marriage. She has had no children of which my husband is the father."

"There has never been a divorce between me and my husband. I never had papers served on me and never heard him or any one else claim that we had been divorced. The fact that will go to show that there has been no divorce is that my husband was buried in a Catholic cemetery and under the auspices of the Catholic Church. Had he been a divorced man this would not have been possible. I have always considered myself his wife, and consequently now consider myself his widow."

"I believe there is a will in the safe of the saloon at Kearny street, but I do not know what its provisions are. I have employed counsel, and shall fight for my rights to the very end."

"All the household furniture, including the piano, contained in the house at San Rafael was purchased by my husband before he lived with Nellie Hale, yet the funeral had hardly proceeded two blocks from the house yesterday when the piano was removed by somebody, acting evidently under instructions from Nellie Hale."

Mrs. Graber No. 2, who had possession of the keys to both the saloons as well as the upper floor of the Jackson-street house, in an interview yesterday said that Public Administrator while he was taking an inventory of the property. She was attired in deep mourning, and though she passed and repassed Mrs. Graber No. 1 in the premises on Jackson street, she totally ignored her presence, assuming to be too deeply abstracted in her mourning to notice anything except that a careful inventory was taken of every



TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1895

JUST ABOUT THE WEATHER.

Forecast Official Hatter has had a hard time the past week trying to keep pace with the changes in the weather. There were so many changes every day that even the extensive terminology allowed by the Department of Agriculture has been inadequate. Now that St. Patrick's day is past, steady weather may be expected. The prediction for to-day is: Generally fair; stationary temperature; fresh southerly winds.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Colima sailed for Panama and way ports yesterday.

J. Bauer has been given judgment against T. D. Harkin for \$100.

"Brick" McPherson, a politician, attempted to commit suicide last night.

Manufacturers will meet in convention at the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon.

The charter was discussed by a convention of laboring and reform societies last night.

Governor Budd said yesterday that he would sign the China Basin valley road terminal bill.

A students' class in architecture was organized at the Hopkins Art Institute last evening.

Many delegates to the manufacturers' convention have arrived from interior and coast points.

The legality of arrests under Grand Jury presentments will be argued in the Supreme Court April 1.

John Smith was sentenced to an additional twenty months' imprisonment by Judge Wallace yesterday.

The schooner Prosper, which went to sea yesterday, returned to port yesterday in a leaking condition.

A parade drill and reception to General Merritt, U. S. A., took place at the Presidio yesterday afternoon.

President E. V. Dels of the American Railway Union will speak here next Tuesday on "Conspirators."

Meetings were held yesterday by the Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist and Episcopal ministers.

The remains of Captain W. H. Freese, late of the Spreckels shipping employ, will be buried to-day at 1:30 o'clock.

G. H. Greenwald is suing to recover from H. H. Scott \$150 due in rent for the premises at 8212 Washington street.

The first account of the executors of the estate of Mrs. Susan Crooks shows the entire property to be worth \$87,426.75.

Mrs. Isabella J. Martin returned from Shasta County yesterday. She denies having run away from her creditors.

An attempt to steal a sack containing eighteen razors last night, was now in jail charged with petty larceny.

W. B. Bradbury has brought suit against J. L. Salomon & Co. to recover \$22,900 on sixteen notes made by the latter to the former.

Yesterday 140 tons of opium and 3000 cans, intended to be refilled, were seized by the Custom house Inspector yesterday.

The Chinatown squad raided a tan game last night and captured fourteen players and the entire paraphernalia of the game.

Three of the British ship Springburn's men drifted out to sea yesterday in an open boat. They were picked up by two fishermen.

Daniel Sheehan, an employe at the pumping works, Golden Gate Park, was knocked down and robbed by two young men last night.

Adolph Gloatz, of the firm of Fischbeck & Gloatz, died at his residence, 1316 Sacramento street, last Saturday night of pneumonia.

Rate-cutting on the water front has spread to the harbor market, and the Italian fishermen threaten to boycott the "foreign" competitors.

Governor Budd says that the new valley road can be built for \$15,000 to \$18,000 and will pay a handsome dividend on the investment.

The hotly contested case of Simms vs. Stanton will be completed to-day. Simms accuses Mrs. Stanton of plagiarizing his work on physiognomy.

Chief Crowley asked Governor Budd to offer a reward for information that might lead to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Cornelius Stagg.

The schooner Elwood, which arrived from Alaska on Saturday night, was caught by an ice floe near Muir glacier and narrowly escaped being wrecked.

John McNeil, a discharged guard of the House of Correction, charged with a Cleary drew pay at that institution while engaged in other employment.

Moses Silverstein blackened M. Stein's eyes on Saturday night at the making of a secret society, and yesterday Stein swore out a warrant for Silverstein's arrest.

Four young ruffians attempted to rob and brutally beat Mrs. Mary Hynes, 20 Welch street, on Sunday morning, and warrants are out for their arrest.

Leonath Megartha of 1 Margaret place died at his wife and child yesterday afternoon, but only succeeded in wounding Mrs. Megartha in the right arm.

Charles S. Rice, charged with the murder of Cora Everett, appeared in Judge Low's court yesterday, and by consent the case was put over till Tuesday next.

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For a first attempt, the play was deserving of the great applause that it received. Mr. Brusie has never been suspected of more literary guile than framing a bill; so when it was announced that his latest plot was dramatic, people thought hard and then went in a body to see the play.

In general structure the play is of the "Jed Prouty" and "Old Homestead" style. The story is a simple one, well told and dramatically constructed. The story of the little heir to all the Howe wealth, with its plots and counterplots, is one that appeals to an audience, and when the story told as well as was done last night the success of Mr. Brusie's venture should be assured.

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Recently the wife took a new tack and concluded to stop at the hotel at which her husband put up.

Accordingly, a few days ago the lady came over to Oakland and went to the Arlington Hotel. She took up quarters in her husband's room in his absence and proceeded to make herself at home. When he returned home the auctioneer found his wife by his own fireside to greet him. He was surprised to find words to say, "What are you doing here?"

Mrs. Lamson replied quietly: "I am at home, the only home I have on earth, and I propose to stay, for I am sure, as you pretend to be a Christian, you would not turn me out in the rain."

The auctioneer did not turn his wife out in the rain. Instead, he packed up his effects and went out himself in the rain. He took up his quarters at the Crestline.

Then the wife was forced to leave the Arlington, and her finances were so low that she was compelled to borrow 25 cents from the landlady to get to San Francisco.

In answer to her husband's charges, Mrs. Lamson has made affidavit that they are false.

The court will decide as to the preliminary points in the divorce case in two weeks.

Mrs. Lamson is said to be lying seriously ill in San Francisco, at the Devonshire, and her attorney asked to have the divorce case transferred to that city, but the request was denied.

One of the chief causes of the trouble in the Lamson family was over the two daughters, who desired to go on the stage. In their ambition they were opposed by the father and encouraged by the mother.

One daughter is now playing in the East and the other in the Northwest.

Place-Hunters After Davis.

Mayor-elect Davis is besieged with office-seekers. It is stated that for the office of license inspector, now held by Mr. Maloon, there are no less than eighty men who would like to serve the country.

Among the place-hunters mentioned for the place are: A. L. McPherson (Republican), a mite from the Third Ward; Orrin Page, the man who brought suit to quash the charter amendments election, and C. C. Corney, who held the place under Mayor Chapman.

There are three vacancies on the Board of Health to fill, and when the new board is organized it will choose a health officer. Dr. Adams now holds this post. His name is mentioned for re-election. The names of Drs. Buteau, Olmstead, Kellogg, Lane, A. F. Childs, Hesse and Arnold are also in the field.

For Chief of Police the names of Captain Fletcher, Deputy Sheriff White, ex-Police Officer Filley and J. L. Lyon have been mentioned. Chief Schaffer also hopes to hold on to the place.

For City Clerk, incumbent, Tompkins, is a candidate for reappointment, and he will probably hold the place, as will also Ed Holland the post of deputy.

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The friends of John Beach, who was sent to an asylum as insane a short time ago, now make the assertion that Beach was misnamed to the asylum, and that the \$10,000 worth of property he was supposed to have possessed has vanished.

His friends said this wealth was in Government bonds or other securities. One of his friends, Charles Westfield, who knew Beach and nursed him at times when his heart troubled him, said that Beach, who was 70 years old, did not get along with the women folks who were at the house of Arthur W. Jee, Beach's brother-in-law.

Beach had been appointed guardian of Jee when the court decided that the old man was not competent to manage his own large estates, but Beach could not furnish the bond of \$200,000 necessary and Judge Adams refused to sign the order.

The second installment of the city taxes in Oakland became delinquent April 23. The amount due is \$24,000, of which \$18,000 has been paid up to the present.

Fines and forfeitures in the Police Department for 1894 show \$4172, as against \$7425 for the year before. Of \$17,363.55 of the year before, \$11,627.30 was recovered. During the year 3032 arrests were made.

D. D. Heagerty is in more trouble over his business matters. Yesterday a couple of San Francisco firms filed a petition asking that Heagerty be compelled to submit to an examination as to what property he possesses.

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Looking for Lambert.

Active steps are to be taken by the bondsmen of the defaulting clerk of the Police Court, W. R. Lambert, to have that gentleman brought back from Honolulu, where he is at present supposed to be in company with his wife.

Mayor Pardee has said that it makes no difference whether the bondsmen prosecute the case against Lambert or not. He is guilty of a felony any way it is looked at, and he will give instructions to have him prosecuted.

Expert York has now put his report in such shape that criminal charges can be brought against Lambert any time. The exact amount of his shortage is \$1572.

Ladies on Wheels.

The new bicycle club composed of ladies and known as the Oak City Riders has been offered clubrooms in the Central Bank building by G. W. Palmer, and it is more than likely that the new club's headquarters will be located there.

The list of names is growing daily, and many ladies are learning to ride preparatory to having their names added to the list.

Look Out for the Assessor.

A new assessment of the entire county is being made by Assessor Dalton, assisted by thirty-three deputies. There will be an entirely new valuation placed upon all property, and a number of competent builders have been employed to appraise improvements. It is the intention of Mr. Dalton to make an effort to equalize the taxes so that the burden will fall alike on all.

Only Four Yesterday.

C. Whitelaw has asked for a divorce from N. Whitelaw on the ground of desertion. Isabella L. Brock has concluded she can no longer live with John C. Brock and wants a separation as speedily as possible.

Samuel C. B. King asks for a divorce from Lena W. King.

Mary A. Crimmins and George W. Crimmins pray the court that they may be made two again.

Will Bounce Mautalen.

It is more than likely that Charles Mautalen, chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, may be called upon to resign. At a recent meeting of the committee the question was discussed at length, and it was unanimously agreed that, owing to the recent disclosures in the newspapers in regard to the Leitch affair, better material could be found in the party than Mautalen.

War Among Insurance Men.

The attempt to form an insurance combine in Oakland has been frustrated, and to-day every man will be for himself and rates will be cut to pieces. The Oakland agents have tried hard to make a successful combination, holding nightly meetings, and they had high hopes until last night, when the agents announced that his company would not go in. This settled it, and rate-payers may look out for a tumble.

Bishop's Bondsman Died.

Receiver Bishop of the Piedmont company was ordered to file a new bond at once by Judge Frick yesterday.

Judge Frick made the discovery that one of Bishop's bondsmen had been dead for six months, and as the property is to be sold to-day, Bishop must file his new bond in a hurry.

Improved Service.

The Telegraph-avenue electric line have improved their passenger service by the addition of four handsome new combination cars, making the time shorter between cars by at least five minutes. It is the intention of the company to add three more cars later in the season.

Reed Re-arrested.

Fred Reed, who was examined about two weeks ago by the Insane Court, was arrested and discharged, was found wandering around the streets last night, only partially dressed, and was taken to the County Jail. He will probably be sent to the asylum to-day.

"Old Pard's" First Gun.

The Enquirer Publishing Company received formal notice yesterday of the \$20,000 libel suit brought by Councilman-elect J. M. Bassett.

G. W. Arper and B. F. Edwards are on Bassett's bond as sureties for cost of suit.

Heitman Is Seated.

The Council at its meeting last night counted the votes cast at the late election and by a resolution declared Heitman elected Councilman-at-large. This action will make Kayser forfeit his seat.

A Drawing Card.

"A Temperance Town" drew a big house at the Macdonough last night and promises to be a very well for to-night and Wednesday night.

James Stanley Resigns.

Charles W. J. Bergman has made application to be appointed guardian of the estate of George Stanley, an insane person, vice James Stanley, resigned.

The Case Compromised.

The damage suit of Mrs. Pauline Ran against the Piedmont Cable Company for loss of her property has been compromised. The defendants paid her \$300 and costs of suit.

Notes.

J. W. Evans and W. H. Friend are both out for the presidency of the Board of Education.

The second installment of the city taxes in Oakland became delinquent April 23. The amount due is \$24,000, of which \$18,000 has been paid up to the present.

Fines and forfeitures in the Police Department for 1894 show \$4172, as against \$7425 for the year before. Of \$17,363.55 of the year before, \$11,627.30 was recovered. During the year 3032 arrests were made.

D. D. Heagerty is in more trouble over his business matters. Yesterday a couple of San Francisco firms filed a petition asking that Heagerty be compelled to submit to an examination as to what property he possesses.

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Gymnastic Exhibition.

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Another Stopover Case.

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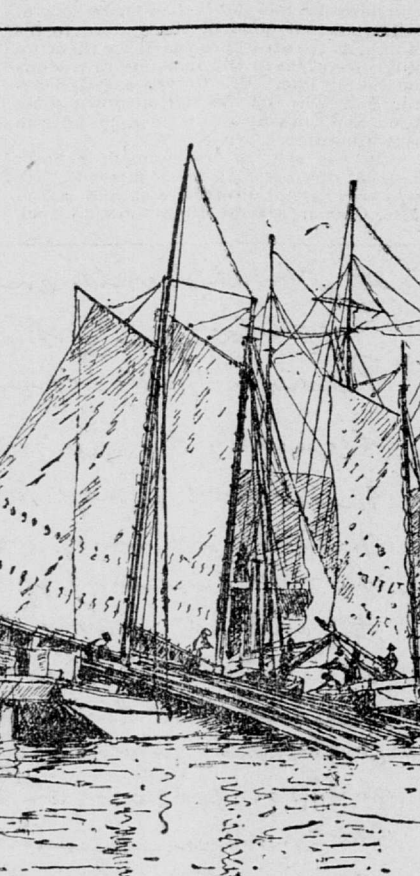
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TANGLING UP OF SCOWS AT COLLISION POINT. [Sketch for the "Call" by W. A. Coulter.]

Southern Pacific Company for stopover damages was tried before Justice Swasey yesterday and taken under advisement.

The same point was urged as in the former case of Bassett against the railroad—that no force or intimidation was used to compel the passenger to pay additional fare.

BRICK McPHERSON'S PISTOL.

THE WELL-KNOWN POLITICIAN'S GUN GOES OFF WITH SERIOUS EFFECT.

AN UGLY WOUND IN HIS OWN HEAD RESULTED FROM THE DISCHARGE.

A. W. "Brick" McPherson, the well-known ward politician, and one of the bosses of the Democratic primaries, came near losing his life yesterday. Those acquainted with the facts of the case say that "Brick" attempted to commit suicide, but when he was out of immediate danger and able to answer a few questions the wound he had made with the pistol went off while he was cleaning it. The position of the wound, however, tends to show that the action was premeditated, and had his hand only been steady the ward politician would now be occupying a slab in the Morgue instead of resting comfortably in his bed at 929 1/2 Filbert street.

McPherson went home yesterday afternoon about 8 o'clock. His wife and child were with him, and he went to the corner grocery, where he remained a few minutes. He returned to the house, and about twenty minutes later the neighborhood was startled by the report of a pistol. Some one from the next house rushed in and next under the dead influence. She had a deckload of long planking laid thwartships and extending many feet on each side of the rail, and while working the end of the Folsom-street wharf jammed the ends of her cargo far under the dock and held on like a crab. After considerable hard work and some strong sailor language on the part of the crew, she was extricated from her awkward position and went cheerily on her voyage for about twenty feet. The spirit of collision was in the air and she fetched up against the scow-sloop Darlington, outward bound from the pier. The crews of the two engaged in a struggle, each trying to gain the other, but the warm and strong words which passed from one deck to the other were awful to hear, and even the longshoremen bucking freight in the vicinity forsook the vessel and rested on their oars a short distance away, expecting to see the captain of the Jabez Howes hurrying up his repairs to get to sea before the scow-schooners sink him.

A marine hoodoo seems to roost upon the bowsprit of the big ship Jabez Howes, which sailed Saturday for Kodiak, returned yesterday, having sprung a leak. The heavy sea which she encountered outside strained the old vessel and she was forced to come back for repairs.

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